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## TENSE SITUATION CREATED AT TRIAL OF GASTON MEANS

Defendant Accuses New York  
Lawyer of Theft and Things  
Get Lively.

SITUATION WAS SERIOUS

Judge Cline Spends Sunday at  
Concord in Order to Relieve  
the Uneasiness That Seemed  
to Grasp Everybody.

Concord, Dec. 10.—Concord head-  
ed toward Hillsville and a citizen-  
ship in a state of near-panic lest  
Judge Cline lose control of the judi-  
cial machinery in the Gaston Means  
case, is a situation upon which Cabarrus  
county people lay down to sleep  
Friday night.

The climax to this sensational  
murder trial was reached in the  
evening near 6 o'clock when Gaston  
Means on the grill after an hour of  
his cross-examination accused As-  
sistant District Attorney Dooling of  
theft, and all semblance of a court  
was momentarily lost. Any sort of  
observer has been able to see each  
day growing rancor and bitterness  
and the story that Judge Cline would  
spend Sunday on the grounds was  
made the basis of a suspicion that he  
feels the tenseness of the outside.

Barely Lacked Battle of Guns.

Friday afternoon when Dooling be-  
gan to attack the Means narrative of  
a day and a half, he found a prisoner  
who showed small capacity for for-  
getting the part Mr. Dooling has as-  
sumed in the drama down here in  
Cabarrus. The closing scene in the  
court barely lacked a battle of guns.

Through the examination the  
well-controlled W. G. Means stood  
and smiled as his son was going  
through the supreme test. Brandon  
Means, who has sat almost through  
as near the state's attorney and wit-  
nesses as his own, had moved to  
another part of the house. Often he  
was on his feet and his presence was  
minatory in the extreme. After the  
final and dramatic tilt of Gaston and  
Dooling, the fearless Irishman went  
his way unattended even by the ex-  
pert pistol shots who are on the  
ground and unafraid.

Many Told to Stay Away.

Growing bitterness in the trial  
had caused women to tell their  
neighbors not to attend succeeding  
sessions of court, and many said  
they had been advised to remain  
away. County officials have  
openly expressed their fear of an  
approach to the Hillsville tragedy,  
albeit none of the feeling expressed  
itself against court officials.

Solicitor Clement comes in for  
much abuse from the elite for doing  
a duty which the family of the de-  
fendant commends.

Testimony that carried few thrills  
was rehearsed and took grace to  
absorb it without fatigue. The  
defendant told the story of Mrs.  
King's death but he knew hardly  
more of it than those who had pre-  
ceded him. He did not sustain him-  
self as the day before.

Fury Unconfined.

Dooling had conveyed Gaston  
Means to all parts of the country and  
asked him sundry business  
questions. He asked the pris-  
oner about a safety deposit box and  
the answer left some doubt as to  
whether he recalled having such a  
box.

"If I did have one, there was not  
a dollar's worth of securities in it,"  
he said after Dooling protested  
against excessive answers.

"Why, you did receive a dunning  
letter recently about such a box,  
didn't you?" the assistant district  
attorney asked.

"I may have, but if I did you stole  
it," Means said in a leer at the law-  
yer.

Dooling bounced to the floor and  
addressed the court. There was a  
limit to that sort of reply, he said.  
Judge Cline with greater emphasis  
than yet shown rapped for order.  
"The court does not see just how  
that question is relevant," he said,  
"but the court does see that this  
answer was not proper. Gentlemen

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## THE JACOB JONES SUNK BY A U-BOAT

One of America's Largest and  
Newest Vessels Torpedoed  
in the War Zone.

SIXTY-FOUR LIVES LOST

Washington, Dec. 10.—Lieut.  
Commander David Worth Bagley  
and Lieut. Norman Scott were  
among the survivors rescued after  
the sinking of the American destroy-  
er Jacob Jones by a German subma-  
rine in the war zone Thursday night.  
The navy department was so advised  
by Vice Admiral Sims.

These two officers, two warrant  
officers and two enlisted men were  
named in the admiral's dispatch as  
survivors, in addition to the 37 pre-  
viously reported saved. It is now  
established that the five line officers  
on the destroyer were rescued. Gun-  
ner Harry R. Hood and 63 men are  
missing.

Admiral Sims' report said that  
Commander Bagley and the five other  
men saved with him got away in  
a motor boat and were picked up  
and landed uninjured at the Selly  
Islands.

The other four survivors reported  
besides Commander Bagley and  
Lieut. Scott were: Chief Boatswain's  
Mate Clarence McBride, wife Flor-  
ence McBride, Syracuse, N. Y.;  
Coxswain Ben Nunnery, father Fred  
A. Nunnery, Edgmoor, S. C.; Chief  
Electrician Lawrence G. Kelly, next  
of kin not given; Fireman Joseph  
Korzenleky, mother Anna Korzen-  
leky, Stive, Russia.

One South Carolinian Aboard.  
Washington, Dec. 10.—Ben Nun-  
nery, a seaman, whose father is  
Fred A. Nunnery, of Edgmoor, Ches-  
ter county, is the only South Caro-  
linian who was on the destroyer  
Jacob Jones.

Lieut. Bagley is a brother-in-law of  
Secretary of the Navy Josephus  
Daniels, and a brother of Worth  
Bagley, the first American officer to  
lose his life in the Spanish-American  
war.

LARGEST VESSEL OF ITS  
CLASS IN THE SERVICE

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—The tor-  
pedo boat destroyer Jacob Jones,  
the largest United States vessel of  
its class, was built at the New York  
Shipbuilding company's plant in  
Camden, N. J. It was launched in  
May, 1915, but was not actually  
turned over to the government until  
February 10, 1916.

The Jacob Jones was 315 feet 3  
inches over all, 30 feet 6 1-2 inches  
beam, 17 feet 7 1-2 inches in depth,  
and had a draft of 9 feet 8 1-2  
inches. Her trial displacement was  
1,150 tons and her speed 29 1-2  
knots an hour. The destroyer burn-  
ed oil and had a fuel capacity of  
200 tons. She was able to develop  
17,000 horsepower.

NEARLY TEN MILLION  
COTTON BALES GINNED

Washington, Dec. 10.—Cotton of  
this year's growth ginned prior to  
December 1, amounted to 9,704,617  
running bales, including 173,339  
round bales and 77,638 bales of sea  
island.

To December 1st last year 10-  
352,031 bales including 177,662  
round bales and 102,496 bales of  
sea island, were ginned.

## JERUSALEM IN THE HANDS OF BRITISH

Control Passes to British After  
Twelve Hundred Years  
Under Moslems.

ENDS DREAM OF GERMANS

Jerusalem is in the hands of the  
British after having been for 1,200  
years in the control of the Moslems.  
The Holy City of the Christian reli-  
gion capitulated to General Allen-  
by's forces, consisting of British,  
French and Italian troops, after it  
had been tiredly surrounded and  
with its fall seemed swept away the  
dream of the Germans and the Turks  
of driving southward through Pales-  
tine, capturing the Suez Canal and  
invading Egypt.

Since the recent taking of the town  
of Jaffa on the Mediterranean and  
the gradual closing in on Jerusalem  
by the allied forces the fall of the  
ancient city daily had been antici-  
pated. It was not the lack of strength  
that prevented its capture but rather  
the desire of General Allenby to  
carry out his plan of enveloping the  
city and forcing its capitulation, as  
a frontal attack would have endan-  
gered the numerous sacred places in-  
side the city and its environs.

Move Against Bolsheviks.

The counter revolt against the  
Bolshevik regime in Southeastern  
Russia apparently is gaining mo-  
mentum. Already the movement is  
spreading fanlike from the chosen  
bases northward, northeastward and  
northwestward, while preparations  
are hastening to extend it southward  
into the Caucasus. Meanwhile the  
Bolshevik government continues to  
issue manifestos calling on its fol-  
lowers to resist the attempt that is  
being made to overthrow it.

MR. HOOVER FORECASTS  
REDUCED FOOD PRICES

Predicts Lower Prices in Meat and  
Milk as Result of Bumper Corn  
Crop—Regulation Imperative.

New York, Dec. 10.—Lower prices  
in meat, milk and other commodities  
as a result of the enormous crop of  
corn which it is expected will be dis-  
tributed throughout the country by  
January 15, was forecast by Feder-  
al Food Administrator Hoover. He  
declared that the extraordinary crop  
is "the certain economic remedy for  
high prices."

"The real fundamental and econ-  
omic relief is the coming of the  
corn crop, the greatest crop we have  
known in many years. I expect that  
by January 15 it will have been  
started on the way to the consumer  
through the various channels.

"This crop is not only plentiful,  
but will be sold at a reasonable  
price. The cost of corn is dropping  
every day. In proportion to the  
cheapness of corn to the farmers we  
shall have reflected lower prices of  
such commodities as milk and  
meat."

As to the regulations of prices of  
all commodities by the government  
Mr. Hoover said that either prices  
must be regulated or there must be  
a continuous wage increase.

Ecuador Breaks Off.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 10.—  
Ecuador has severed diplomatic re-  
lations with Germany, according to  
an official announcement made by  
the government.

## VOTE FOR MAYOR RESULTS IN TIE; TO HOLD A NEW ELECTION

ELECTION TODAY IS  
QUIET WITH CLOSE  
CONTESTS FEATURE

Candidates for Mayor Each Re-  
ceive 103 Votes—One  
Thrown Out.

TOTAL VOTE WAS 207

Croxtton, Witherspoon, Gregory,  
Blackmon, Brittain and Fer-  
guson Are Elected on the  
Aldermanic Ticket.

The official count of votes  
in the municipal election held  
today gives the two candidates,  
Charles D. Jones and R. S.  
Stewart, the same number of  
votes, and therefore, it will be  
necessary to call an election,  
which likely will be held within  
the next two weeks, and in  
which only the candidates for  
mayor will be voted for.

The election for mayor, commis-  
sioner of public works and six mem-  
bers of the board of aldermen, held  
today, was quiet, while there was a  
great deal of interest on the part of  
some of the candidates and their  
friends. The voting was heavy,  
207 votes being cast, while there  
were 221 voters registered and  
duly qualified. The polls opened this  
morning at eight o'clock and the  
voting began early, approximately  
125 having cast their ballots up to  
noon.

There was no incident connected  
with the election out of the ordinary  
and while politics has been talked  
and has been the chief topic  
throughout the day, there has been  
no mudslinging or bitterness on  
the part of the candidates or their  
supporters who were at work for  
them.

Of the officers elected today the  
following may be said:

Mr. E. M. Croxtton, present mem-  
ber of the board of aldermen and re-  
elected today, is vice president and  
cashier of the First National Bank,  
and has been associated intimately  
with the growth of Lancaster for  
the past twenty years.

Mr. J. H. Witherspoon, also re-  
elected, is a well-known business  
man, president of the Lancaster  
county building and loan association  
and interested in other enterprises  
in the county.

Mr. Andrew Gregory, another  
member of the present board who  
was re-elected, is a member of the  
firm of Gregory, Hood Live Stock  
company, and a young man well  
known in city and county.

Mr. Hazel Ferguson, newly-elected  
junior member of the firm of A. B.  
Ferguson & Son, and has always  
taken much interest in and has  
given much of his time to the Lan-  
caster fire department. He is a  
young man of good business qual-  
ifications.

Mr. Max Brittain, a newly elected  
member, is cashier of the Farmers  
Bank and Trust company, and is a  
young man of exceptional business  
qualifications and popular in city  
and county.

Mr. O. C. Blackmon, new member,  
is a cotton buyer and farmer, and  
a man too well known to be intro-  
duced to the public.

ENGINEER HAS CLOSE CALL  
WHEN TRESTLE IS BURNING

Columbia, Dec. 10.—Thomas M.  
Herndon, a Southern Railway engi-  
neer, of Columbia, extinguished a  
burning trestle at Montgomery,  
eleven miles from Columbia, Satur-  
day morning, after experiencing  
what he declares was his closest call  
in nineteen years of service.

The engineer saw the burning  
trestle in time to bring his train to a  
stop and by taking the bell cord  
from his engine he drew water in  
buckets from the stream below to  
extinguish the flames.

BOYS' TOBACCO FUND  
IS GROWING SLOWLY

Contributions to Buy "Smokes" for  
Soldiers in France Only  
Total \$3.25.

The first list of contributors to the  
"Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund"  
was crowded out of the edition of  
Friday and is printed herewith. As  
may be seen by reading the list,  
contributions have been slow, but  
now that the campaign for funds is  
under way, it is expected that sub-  
scriptions will come in more freely.  
Following is the list, which  
should have appeared Friday:

J. L. Driscoll, Lancaster . . . \$ .50  
D. V. Hinson, R. 1, Lancaster . . . .50  
D. R. Belk, R. 1, Lancaster . . . .25  
John M. Madra, Lancaster . . . 1.00  
Geo. B. Craven, Lancaster . . . .50  
Miss Mildred Billings, Lan-  
caster . . . . .25  
J. L. Henry, R. 3, Lancaster . . . .25  
Total . . . . . \$3.25

AGRICULTURAL COURSE  
IN COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Darlington County Plan to Be Es-  
tablished in Lancaster This  
Month.

Under the direction of Verd Peter-  
son, state supervisor of agricultural  
instruction in rural schools, an agri-  
cultural course under the Dar-  
lington county plan will be estab-  
lished in Lancaster county this month.  
The plan is to employ one teacher for  
five schools, and the schools will be  
Heath Springs, Elgin, Rich Hill, An-  
tioch and Oakhurst. The teacher  
who has been secured for this work  
is L. M. Eargle, a native South Caro-  
linian, graduate of the A. and E.  
college at Raleigh and of the Uni-  
versity of South Carolina, who now  
is principal of the Clemson farm life  
and high school in Forsyth county,  
N. C. Mr. Eargle will report for  
duty about December 15 and his  
classes will be ready with the open-  
ing of the schools after the holidays.

There will be classes in each of  
the five schools twice a week, and  
when school is not in session, Mr.  
Eargle will spend his time with his  
students on the different farms.  
Every boy who takes the course will  
be required to have a home project,  
either in livestock or agriculture,  
and Mr. Eargle will give practical  
instruction, being employed for 12  
months in the year.

The plan is made possible by leg-  
islative appropriation and co-opera-  
tion on the part of the United States  
department of agriculture, though  
the schools pay half of the instruc-  
tor's salary. As additional State  
and federal money becomes avail-  
able the work will be extended to  
other schools in the county.

CAMP COMMANDER FEARED  
FOR SAFETY OF SON-IN-LAW

Following the reading of press dis-  
patches telling of the sinking of the  
destroyer Jacob Jones, General  
Dickman, commander of Camp  
Green, Charlotte, and Mrs. Dickman,  
were very apprehensive for several  
hours Saturday over the possible  
loss of their son-in-law, Lieutenant  
Commander Harrison E. Knauss,  
who until recently was executive of-  
ficer of this destroyer.

Their fears were allayed by re-  
ceipt about 11 o'clock Saturday  
night of a telegram from the war de-  
partment, in answer to an inquiry  
from General Dickman, stating that  
Lieutenant Commander Knauss has  
arrived at an American port. He  
was wounded several weeks ago, and  
the greatest hope of General and  
Mrs. Dickman for his safety was  
based upon this fact, as they believed  
he had not recovered sufficiently  
to rejoin his ship. When last they  
had heard from him he was ashore  
in a British hospital.

MANNING ISSUES AN  
APPEAL TO LAWYERS

Columbia, Dec. 10.—In connec-  
tion with the organization for the  
classification of registrants under  
the new regulations, Governor Man-  
ning has issued an appeal to the  
lawyers and well-informed people  
of the state to the end that South  
Carolina registrants may be told of  
their rights and duties under the  
selective service law.

## STUPENDOUS FORCE COMPOSES ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

Over Million and a Quarter Men  
Make Up Military Establish-  
ment of This Country.

APRIL 1 ONLY 110,000

This is the Tremendous Factor  
to Be Reckoned With Next  
Year by Hindenburg—Lar-  
gest Ever Known.

Columbia, Dec. 10.—Official fig-  
ures obtained through the nation-  
al council of defense show that there  
are 1,360,000 men in the armies  
of the United States. This informa-  
tion is contained in a statement which  
has been issued by the South Caro-  
lina council of defense. It is the  
first time that these facts have been  
presented. The statement follows:  
"The latest official figures put  
the number of enlisted men in the  
armies of the United States at 1,360,000.  
This is the force that has grown in  
eight months out of an army that on  
April 1 numbered only 110,000 men.

"Most of them are still in  
training camps. Many of them  
not yet disciplined troops, but  
equipped and armed for battle.

"But there they are, 1,360,000  
men, already one of the biggest  
forces Hindenburg is reckoning  
on for the campaign of 1918.

"To lead them there are over  
600 officers. When the graduate  
of the second training camp get their  
first orders the number will be  
100,000—as many officers as there  
were privates nine months ago.

"The whole military estab-  
lishment, with the marines and the  
military forces thrown in, number  
million and a half. The expansion  
that has taken place is as if  
Rapid had grown in eight months  
to be virtually as big as Philadel-  
phia.

Other Wars.

"Since Xerxes led his million  
of assorted Asiatics across  
Hellas, Europe has seen many  
campaigns conducted on the same  
scale. American battles have  
fought as stubbornly but with  
fewer forces engaged. There were  
700,000 enlistments in the  
army in the civil war. But  
this number were re-enlisted.  
The highest total engaged at  
one time was reached in the  
year of the war. On March  
1865, the union army com-  
prised 980,000 men.

"For the Spanish war an army  
of 275,000 was raised. Only 60,000  
saw service.

"The present American army  
is the largest armed force the  
world has ever seen—the  
mound builders were more  
numerous and pugnacious than we  
any reason to believe they were  
the whole army could be gathered  
together today and lined up  
solid infantry column, four  
it would reach across Ohio  
to Cincinnati and on to  
Michigan line.

Britain's 100,000.

"A million and a half of men  
is as if the entire population  
of the state of South Carolina, or  
states of Nebraska and Wyoming  
together—men, women and children  
—were suddenly to be converted  
to young men clad in olive drab  
organized into companies and  
regiments.

"When Great Britain entered  
the war it was a much smaller  
force. The first expeditionary force  
numbered barely a hundred thou-  
sand. The Kaiser called it a contemptible  
army. Yet without it  
at Mons, Paris might have  
been One hundred thousand men,  
an encouragement they brought  
French, were enough to have  
been in the first year of the war.  
"It is the hope of the allies  
that another new force, ten or  
times as yet will be enough  
fourth year of the war to insure  
victory.

"If it is not enough, America  
the men and the machinery of  
a greater effort."