

JAMES W. OSBORNE DEAD

New York, Sept. 7.—James W. Osborne, former assistant district attorney of New York, and widely known as a criminal lawyer, was found dead in bed in his apartment at a hotel here today. The body was discovered by his son when he returned to the hotel after spending Saturday night with

relatives. Mrs. Osborne had gone to visit her father. The cause of death was given as angina pectoris.

Mr. Osborne, who was sixty-one years old, was born in Charlotte, N. C. He came to New York when he was twenty-five years old and five years later entered the district attorney's office. He served under successive district attorneys for fourteen years,

later entering private practice.

During his terms as an assistant district attorney, Mr. Osborne gained nation-wide fame by his successful prosecution of Albert T. Patrick murderer of the aged millionaire William Marsh Rice. Mr. Osborne also prosecuted Roland B. Molineux, son of Gen. Edward I. Molineux, who was charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine B. Adams here in 1899.

Four years ago, Mr. Osborne figured in the "Oliver-Osborne" case, which gained nation-wide publicity. Miss Rae Tanzer, of New York, sued him for \$50,000 for breach of promise, alleging he was the "Oliver Osborne" who, she said, proposed to her within an hour after they met and who had taken her to a hotel in Plainfield, N. J. where she registered as his wife.

Charles H. Wax, later arrested in Chicago and brought here, admitted that he was "Oliver Osborne," and was identified as "Oliver" by a number of witnesses as a man who had called at Miss Tanzer's home.

As the result of the breach of promise case, a number of persons, including two sisters of Miss Tanzer two attorneys who represented her when the suit was filed, a private detective, a hotel clerk and Miss Tanzer were indicted. The jury in the case of Miss Tanzer disagreed while Franklin D. Stafford, the hotel clerk, was convicted of perjury.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

SMITH DISCREDITS WASHINGTON "DOPE"

Denies Standing for Reservation to Treaty.

HAS HIS OWN OPINIONS

And Is Not Controlled by Views of Others, South Carolinian Declares

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—A Washington "dope" story published this morning in several newspapers contains the statement that Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, has "come out in favor of reservations" to the league of nations pact, following the recent stand of Senator Shields of Tennessee, and that Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, is disposed to do likewise. The story refers to Senators Smith and Shields as "seat neighbors" in the Senate.

It would not require any statement from the South Carolina Senator to take care of one part of the story, because it is a fact that he and Senator Shields are not seat neighbors. Senator Smith sits in the second row from the front on the Democratic side of the chamber and Senator Shields sits in the last or fourth row on the same side. One seat is number 35 and the other is number 88.

As to the rest of the story, aligning him with the reservationists, the South Carolina Senator today addressed a letter of protest to the Washington paper which published it. After quoting the reference to his alleged alignment, Senator Smith said:

"The statement is entirely unwarranted and original in the imagination of the writer or in the imagination of those from whom he intimates he got his information. I shall at such time as I choose express upon the floor of the Senate my own convictions and attitude toward this serious question. I have the highest regard for the characters and opinions of my colleagues, but I am not likely to allow their opinions or attitude on public questions to become the controlling force in what action or attitude I shall take.

Reports that Hoke Smith of Georgia is in favor of reservations to the league pact and will definitely make announcement to that effect in Atlanta this week on his way back to Washington from New Orleans cotton convention are well founded. It is quite possible that some of special writers of anti-administration "dope" on the league contest have got the two Smiths mixed.

The attitude of Senator Simmons of North Carolina, is well known by his friends here. He is not in the position of Senator Shields or Hoke Smith but is in favor of getting the treaty and league pact ratified with just as little reservation as possible. Those best informed feel that some compromise may be necessary and the administration forces will in that event yield just as little as they must to get the treaty ratified.

Senator Smith, of South Carolina, left here this afternoon for New Orleans, where he will address the cotton convention Tuesday.

NOTICE OF DISCHARGE

I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Clarendon County, on the 15th day of September 1919; at 11 o'clock A. M. for Letters of Discharge as surviving Executor of the last Will and Testament of John H. Mahoney, deceased.

G. W. Mahony, Executor.
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