

## FORMER FEDERAL AGENT ON STAND

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and leaned his elbow on the small table before him.

"What is the relationship between you and William J. Burns?"

"Friendliest in the world."

Means then told how he went to work for the Department of Justice, Oct. 28, 1921, was suspended Feb. 9, 1922, and reinstated, with back pay, some months later.

"Did Jesse Smith ever give you orders?" Means asked.

"Yes."

"Did you carry them out?"

"Yes."

"Have you collected money while in the employ of the Department of Justice?"

### Money Given Him

"I had money given to me. I would be told by them to get it."

"Who do you mean?"

"Jesse Smith and Mr. W. D. Underwood."

"Who was Underwood?"

"I saw him last in Palm Beach on Feb. 7 of this year."

"Who sent you to Palm Beach?"

"Mr. Sidney Thompson."

"He was the go-between after Jesse Smith died?"

"Yes, I would say he was the go-between. He was the money carrier."

"Who is Underwood?"

"The man who worked with Jesse Smith and helped me to make investigations."

"What connection has Underwood with Daugherty?"

"I don't know. He was investigating."

"What investigations are you referring to?"

"Investigations in New York City for the President of the United States."

"What President?"

"President Harding."

### Mellon Investigated

"What was the nature of the investigation?"

"Investigating Secretary Mellon. Jesse Smith wanted us to catch Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and we caught him."

"Did you work for President Harding?"

"Yes."

"By whom were you paid when you were investigating for President Harding?"

"By Underwood."

"Whom did Underwood represent?"

"The President. I saw a letter saying the President wanted certain confidential investigations made and that he wanted Gaston B. Means to handle it."

### La Follette Also Sleuthed

Means said he investigated Senator La Follette right after La Follette introduced his resolution for a Senate investigation of Teapot Dome.

"Who gave you the orders?" Wheeler asked.

"Jesse Smith and Mr. Underwood," Means replied.

"What 'under cover' investigation

## They Paid Tax With a Smile



MISS HELEN ARDERY (LEFT) AND MISS ALMA LEO.

Downtown activities of women are not restricted to such pleasant pastimes as shopping these days of March. Along with mere man they have their income tax problems to worry about and during the past few days the gentler sex has been much in evidence in the income tax division of the internal

revenue office in the Federal building.

Among those to make out returns Thursday were Miss Helen Ardery and Miss Alma Leo, both of the University Apts. From the pleasantness of their smiles they did not begrudge Uncle Sam his tax.

All returns must be filed not later than Saturday to avoid delinquency.

### Did Not Catch Him

"Leading up from investigations we had made in Washington that Secretary Mellon had gone into an agreement to furnish certain permits. We did not catch him that time. He slipped through our fingers."

"Who paid you?"

"Jesse Smith. Sometimes Underwood."

"I had Miss Laura Jacobson investigating Senator Caraway, Arkansas."

"At whose direction?"

"Jesse Smith's."

"At the time he was attacking the Attorney General?"

"Yes, and President Harding."

### Everybody Did It

Means said "everybody was investigated at some time or other."

"Do financial interests have candidates for President investigated?"

"Yes, they want to know what they are up to."

"Was the purpose of the investigation of Senator La Follette to stop the Senate investigation of Teapot Dome?"

"They wanted to know what he had."

"What do you mean by 'going through Senator La Follette's office'?"

"Mrs. Stinson had told an astounding story of deals in liquor permits, deals which she says ceased because the conspirators feared detection."

Besides these liquor permit plots, Mrs. Stinson charged Daugherty and Smith were engaged in:

1. Sale of pardons and paroles, including a deal with Joe Weber, of

Weber and Fields, to get the latter's brother-in-law out of prison.

2. A scheme involving acquisition of Government oil leases, discussed at a shack in the Ohio woods with a Col. James G. Darden, whom Roxie mistrusted.

3. A plan to violate the interstate commerce act and exhibit pictures of the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, with a profit of \$100,000 to those who made the violation possible with immunity.

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"Boost Indianapolis by selling it to itself and then to all the world," said Dr. Frank S. C. Wicks, pastor of All Souls' Unitarian Church, today at the second meeting of the speakers' bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

When every citizen realizes the advantages of his city it will be an easy matter to spread the news to outsiders, said Dr. Wicks. Purpose of the bureau is to furnish speakers for conventions and other meetings.

Henry L. Dithmer, Chamber president, spoke on the value and service of the bureau.

Wicks said that he had come for the money?

"Yes."

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