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MAYOR: MOORE SEEKS PUBLIC

Formal Announcement Made Late Saturday By Jas. H. Cowan and P. Q. Moore

BOTH POPULAR MEN

Candidacies of Both Men Very Highly Regarded-Some of Their Qualifications

Formal announcement of his can-Aidaey for the office of mayor and commissioner of public safety was made last night by James H. Cowan, present collector of customs and secretary of the chamber of commerce and simultaneously came the formal declaration of the candidacy for commissioner of public works from Parker Quince loore, present mayor of the city. Both prominent citizens place their causes efore the qualified voters of the city n the primary of April 19, and, if not eliminated, in the election of Tuesday.

mentioned as possible candidates dur- panies. The gas corporations at the ing teh past few weeks, and especially time declared they were having to pay since the act changing the government; such high prices for coal and oil that was passed by the general assembly, along without the additional revenue Both men, responsible citizens feel, are well equipped for the offices they seek, since both have had years of experience in public affairs. Mr. Moore has specialized on public works since he has een mayor of the city, and Wamingstands well toward the front of cities of the state and section in the matter of permanent public improvements. And even more are conemplated.

Concerning Mr. Moore In making his announcement, Mr.

Moore stated that he wished to return grateful thanks for the fine sup port accorded him in the past, which resulted in his being elected mayor our successive terms. This is an onor which he alone possesses of all hose who have ever held the office. and it is one that he deeply appreciates and will ever prize. "In view of the fact that the mayoralty has been so generously accorded me by the people Wilmington," Mr. Moore stated last night, "the conclusion has very forcibly resented itself to my mind that I should now step aside and allow some one else to occupy the position of chief executive. My opinion is that no one should wish to hold such an office to the point where it would appear as if he were keeping some one also well entitled to the honor from seeking and being elected to the office. With this hought so strongly impressing me, I have reached the definite decision not to seek re-election as mayor but will stand for election as commissioner of public works for the reason that I feel that I can be of service to the city in

It will be clearly recalled that Mayor Moore was wuncilman in charge of streets during the regime of Mayor Joseph D. Smith, and also that the oud issue for permanent street improvements was expended under his direction during his occupancy of the office. He had entire charge of the laying of all permanent streets in the city, among which were Front, Third, Market, Castle, Seventh and Fourth streets south of Market to Greenfield street. The present chain of improved avenues is the result of his careful and experienced supervision of the department of which he was in charge at

his long experience in the department of streets will enable him, if elected to the position for which he makes announcement, to efficiently conduct the permanent policy of the city for the g regards the connext four yearnent street work. tinuance of In announcing 1. indidacy for commissioner of puacknowledgement of his thanks for the fine measure of support which has been accorded him in the past, and seeks a continuance of same in the approaching primary and election. In his four years as mayor, the chief executive has conducted his of-

Mayor Moore is of the opinion that

a high and lofty plane and rless and thoroughly conscianner. He numbers his personal and political friends by the hun-It is a certainty that these will rally to his support in his candidacy for the office he seeks, in the same oyal manner in which they have supported him in the past.

Cowan Candidate it will be gratifying to the public generally, it is believed, to know that lames H. Cowan has formally announced himself as candidate for commissioner of public safety and mayor. putting an additional story on the new Sumerous friends of Mr. Cowan, it is stated, have been persistent in urging will provide offices for committees of im to take this step and his friends assert that no more acceptable candidate could be named for the position, since his varied experiences in public matters eminently qualify him to disharge the duties of the office he seeks a way that will reflect credit upon building occupied by the department,

orn and reared in the city. He began fe as a newspaper man in which line he achieved distinction, so much so hat he was chosen president of the North Carolina Press association. He was the special representative of the was the special representative of the in the near future, possibly next week. the wage reduction to the end.

One of the important matters to come one of the city to negotiate the location of shipbuilding board will be the election of the new plants in Wilmington, and pursued the superintendent of the prison. It is men and concerns of the matter in Washington for months contributing greatly to the success of the committee in obtaining two shipyards for Willed and the present incumbent, for Wilmington. Upon the completion pointed by Governor Bickett would be of this special work, Mr. Cowan was glad to retain his official connection chosen secretary of the chamber of with the state. There are also others who would like to be named superinly widened the scope of the sctivities tendent of the prison, A. F. McCulloch of the organization, and today is rec- for instance, who is now connected ognized as one of the most alert and with the prison, and a very well posted Tible chamber of commerce secretaries man on prison management. in the country:

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COWAN CANDIDATE FOR SUBSTANTIAL CUT RATES HERE

WORKS PLACE Temporary Increase of Several Mon Higher Prices of Raw Materia d Labor, Is Expected to Be Reduced By Corporation Commission At

> Morning Star Bureau, 402 Merchants National Bank Bldg. By JULE B. WARREN

RALEIGH, March 12.—That the orporation commission will order a has been opposed to the removal of the substantial reduction in gas rates folowing the hearings of the consolidated case on March 22 is the opinion of some of those who have looked into the gas situation in North Carolina. The commission, itself, is naturally the sentiment developed against this making no statement about the prob-able outcome of the hearing, for it has not heard all of the facts. The rate in effect now, however, is temporary and was announced when the gas companies were face to face with the highest prices for raw materials they office. Mr. Collie displaced Superinhave ever faced.

At the time the rate was granted it ests of the consumers when the final facts were heard and the case was dewithin which to prepare their case and to look into the proposition of oppos-The two men have been frequently ing the increase asked for by the com-Wilmington to commission form it was impossible for them to get which the rates asked for would give

In order to give the cities time to investigate the gas producing situation in North Carolina, to audit the books of the company if necessary and to find out what return was being received on the money invested in gas utilities, the corporation commission continued the case. In the meantime the cities got a gas engineer to come ing an attack of typhoid fever six Marion, O., but there was no way of here to make an investigation, and months ago. Mr. McNeill was 68 years attaching a private individual to the here to make an investigation, and they now have this information in addition to the other information col
dition to the other information col
its best and most highly esteemed citl
States pays and it was a simple mat-

final hearing on March 22 at 1 o'clock. The following citles' gas rate is involved in this hearing:

Winston-Salem Gas company, Carolina Power and Light company of Durham and Raleigh, Southern Public Utilities company of Charlotte, New Bern Gas and Fuel company of New Bern, Goldsboro Gas company of Goldsboro, Washington Gas company of Washington, Southern Gas Improvement company of Oxford, Henderson and Elizabeth City, Tidewater Power company of Wimington, North Catalina Public Service company of Salisbury, Spencer, High Point, East Spencer and Greensboro.

Bellef that the hearing on March 22 will result in a substantial reduction of the gas rates granted in the temporary order of the commission several months ago, is based on the fact that the prices of coal and coal oil, labor and other factors entering into the manufacture of gas have dropped considerably. The temporary rate was granted when the price of coal and oil was at the peak. Since that time there has been a substantial reduction in these very important materials going the Southern Amateur Athletic union, tary or naval aide? The fault really. into the gas making business, and it is | Secretary Beneditto announced to- lies in the failure of congress to probelieved the commission will take night, following a conference with vide the white house with an approthese drops in prices into consideration when they make the new rate.

The commission hopes to get the case out of the way before the end of the month. Final hearings and arguments beginning on March 22 should be completed before the end of the week, and the commission will make an effort to hand down its decision promptly. The larger cities have combined their case, and the smaller ones will in all probability come into the pool before the

hearing comes up. Members of the corporation commission are making an effort to rear- 20 feet with a prospect of a further be a brigadier general. It was not ex- carried salary reductions ranging range the space in the department rise because of recent heavy rains. buildings alloted to them in order to works, Mayor take care of the new department of created by the legislature. The new FIRST TRAIN department will take over all of the tax work formerly handled by the corporation commission as a tax com-mission on the first of May. The legiscorporation commission as a tax comlature understood that space would be provided for the new department in the corporation commission rooms No Word Received on A. B. since the work was handled by that

department now. The bill creating the new department, contemplates an increase in the work connected with taxes and revenue, and the probabilities are that additional helpers and room will be needed before the next legislature meets. In the meantime the department will open up on the first of May in part of the space formerly occupied by the corporation commission. Provision was made by the legislature for agricultural building. This new story the legislature, probably for the highway commission which is now renting space in one of the office buildings down town, and for the overflow from the tax commission. This building will be erected on the site of the old but work has not started and no pro-

the old building. All-members of the prison board, appointed by Governor Morrison, have accepted their appointments, and the however had previously issued a statebefore the first session of

It has been generally understood that It was largely through his activit Mr. McCulloch would be named superties that a large body of prominent intendent if the board and not decline that a large body of prominent intendent if the board and not decline the second of the charge of murdering ward incidents. Chief interest was jamin May were initiated into membership aroused by military preparations and bership at the meeting. Several application of the south Atlantic midthe city on the South Atlantic midwest trip last spring. Mr. Cowan was presented themselves to either of these affected. pledged themselves to either of these affected.

N GAS **FORECAST**

Ago Based on the Then the Next Hearing on Rates

> receptive candidates. It is known that Mr. McCulloch's ideas and advice have been relied on to a large extent in the prison legislation of the last term. He penitentiary from the central prison west of Raleigh to the farm in Wake county, and according to Senator Mo-Coin and some others who sponsored this idea, was largely responsible for removal. It is known that the governor has a great real of confidence in

Should Superintendent Collie be re-

his judgment in prison matters.

moved it will follow the precedent set by other executives who came into tendent Mann who had been in charge of the prison for some years. In fact was understood it was temporary and it has been generally understood that was in no way prejudicial to the inter- the prison officials usually changed which involves personal embarrasswith the governors, but friends of the present superintendent have felt that cided on these facts. The cities in the record he has made should justify volved at that time asked for time his retention as head of the prison system in North Carolina. This was argued prior to the session of the legislature, when it was understood that the prison would be moved. Mr. Collie was in the midst of preparations for making this change. He has just started the development of the new prison farm in Wake county, and has much other development under way incompleted at the presnt time.

> PROMINENT SCOTLAND COUNTY CITIZEN'S FUNERAL TODAY

(Special to The Star) LAURINBURG, March 12 .- John A McNeill, of Laurel Hill, died yesterday afternoon of complications follow- family physician. Dr. Sawyer, of ing an attack of typhoid fever six Marion, O., but there was no way of on the shipping board. o'clock by his pastor, Rev. C. R. Bailey. Mr. MacNeill was also superintendent of Aberdeen church Sunday school. He is survived by two sons, John S. McNeill, of Lumberton, and M. F. Mc-Neill, of Laurinburg, and seven daughters, Mesdames O., L. Williams, Swan Quarter; A. B. Fletcher, Gibson; A. J. Wilson, Salisbury; W. B. Calhoun, Laurinburg, and Misses Janie, Sallie

IS CONVICTED OF HOMICIDE PETERSBURG, Va., March 12.-Robert Martin was convicted in the circuit court of Nottaway county tonight of murder in the second degree and tlary for killing Godfrey Schultz, a of the physician he desires. Mr. Hard- denburg line, and lead the North Carosentenced to 15 years in the pentiten-German farmer near Wellville, on ing not unmindful of the fact, too, that lina soldiers to a great victory. He January 31, last.

Male, and Josie McNeill.

Royce Hagaman, tried at the same time as accessory, was acquitted.

BATON ROUGE SELECTED NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—Baton

Rouge, La., will be the scene of the Harding to get Dr. Sawyer on the white 1921 track and field championship of house staff except to make him a miliathletic officials. The meeting to be priation for a physician to take care under the auspices of the Baton Rouge not only of the president, but his Athletic club will be held May 20 household. The importance to the

LOUISIANA FLOOD WARNINGS NEW ORLEANS, March 12 .- Flood issued today by the district forecaster of the local weather bureau. A stage of 30 to 32 feet was predicted for next Wednesday at Camden. At Arkadelphia the present stage is

and A. Regarding Conference on March 21

Birmingham and Atlantic railway ran its first train from Atlanta to Cordele today, since the wage strike began last Saturday, and announced that employes had returned to work at Montezuma and Douglas, Ga., and that the places of the striking telegraphers had already been filled or would be shortly. The Cordele train is scheduled to return here tomorrow and a round trip will be made Sunday between Birmingham and Linesville, Ala., road officials

No official advices from the United States railway labor board had been received by Colonel Bugg, receiver, or by union chiefs, regarding the call for a conference March 21, and ofvision has been made for tearing away ficials of both sides withheld comment pending direct word from the board on the conference, which was told of in press dispatches. Union chiefs,

of white and negro men are beselging the offices of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad from early morning until nightfall in quest of positions vacated by employes of the road now on strike and the road is gradually whipping both freight and passenger traffic into shape, Superintendent Whittaker stated tonight.

HARDING HAS STARTED ASKS THAT SOUTH GET ROW AMONG DIFFERENT REPRESENTATION UPON SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE THE I. C. C. COMMISSION

His Family . Physician, Made Senator Overman Sees President Brigadier-General, Is An Homeopath Doctor

OTHERS ALLOPATHS MAXWELL IN MIND

Have Homeopath in Charge At Capital

By DAVID LAWRENCE

(Copyright, 1921, by The Morning Star) WASHINGTON, March 12,-President official life that is perhaps little understood by the outside world, but ment and murmurs of criticism that ernment regulatory bodies. make the problems of a chief executive worrisome from the start.

First and foremest is the peculiar situation surrounding the appointment of Dr. C. E. Sawyer as brigadier general in the army in order that he might serve as white house physician. Everything in Washington has come to know in recent years how necessary it is that there be a physician at the white house not merely to care for the President in the event of illness, but to see to it that the chief executive apportions his time between work and play, so he will not suffer a physical breakdown. When President Harding was faced

with the question, he wanted, of course, to retain the services of his States navy and it was a simple matter to have him detailed as a naval nothing to do with his selection as white house physician, but Republican senators said it was wrong to give him the promotion to the rank of admiral. Since that time, however, there has been a change of feeling and the same Republican senators voted to a man to confirm the nomination of Dr. Sawyer to be brigadier general, even Boley, who has charge of Camp Bragg, Democratic senators, of course, feeling promotion but the senate did not conthat the Grayson precident was justified, gould effer to objection. at the Grayson prediction was justified, sould recommend that Mr. said:

But beneath is the fact that the Harding follow Mr. Wilson in that "We assume that the justice and ne-President of the United States must re- case. sort to the round-about process of apserved overseas feeling pretty nowadays because they have just been war. compelled to take the stars of the brigadier general's rank from their shoulders and put on the insignia of lower rank. But how else was Mr. recognized in the appropriation made to have mistreated them. for secref service guards. The government, moreover, provides money for warnings in the Ouchita river at servants at the white house, but there Camden and Arkadelphia, Ark., were is no attache more important than the man who sees to it that the President is kept in good health. Unquestionably there has been a good deal of sensitiveness at the white tendent down, were announced here

house about appointing Dr. Sawyer to today. All the transfers, it was said, actly known whether the senate would from \$750 to \$2,000 yearly. confirm, or whether there might not be a controversy similar to the Grayson episode. Then it was that somebody suggested the idea of broadening the ment was issued that he would take charge of a general reorganization of welfare bureaus in the government, including the United States public health service, the children's bureau and kindred organizations, but if the move was calculated to offset senatorial criticism it was unnecessary. On the other hand, it did stir up a controversy in an entirely unlooked for direction.

Dr. Sawyer is a homeopath, while the majority of the physicians in the ATLANTA, March 12 .- The Atlanta, army and navy and public health service belong to the opposite school of medicine known as allopathy. The clash between these two schools of thought has been going on inside and outside the government for years, and it is naturally a source of disappointment to the allopaths to have a homeopath put in charge of any reorganization which affects them so saulted an 11-year-old white girl. vitally. On top of this is the usual difficulty that is encountered in handing any question of health supervision reign in Washington.

make some further justification for his guns. appointment to the army than the simwill provide for the place

ARE ACQUITTED OF MURDER Lewark and John Wicker, guards at fore it became generally known that nates.

Appeals to All to

Relative to I. C. C. and Shipping Board Prices of farm products must rise

Disappointing to Allopaths to Tar Heel Regarded as Well-Equipped for Position With

the I. C. Commission

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Appoint ment of representatives from the south to the Interstate Commerce commis-Harding has encountered a phase of sion and the shipping board, was urged upon President Harding today by Senator Overman, who stated that the great shipping interests of that section should have a voice on the gov-It has been the practice in the past. Senator Overman said after his conference, to put a southern man on the Interstate Commerce commission. The southern representation has died out and President Harding was asked to

revive it. The senator said that while he did not come specifically for the purpose of suggesting an appointee, he had in mind A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, i case the President desired to appoint a Democrat. Mr. Maxwell is corporation commissioner and has been looking after the question of freight rates. President Harding is having a survey of the situation made, Senator Overman reported, when asked how the suggestion was received. He did

not name any candidates for the place "President Harding promised me to selections as often as he would have that charge. I hope he will be liberal

with our section." Secretary Weeks promised Mr. Overman that he would promote Colonel though the latter had previously not at Fayetteville. President Wilson sent been an officer in the army at all. The in the nomination for Colonel Boley's

Mr. Overman took up with Mr. the army or navy to get the services Faison, who helped to break the Hin- issue on the matter of hours." blue same rank he had at the close of the

> MANUFACTURER FOUND GUILTY TOLEDO, March 12.—David A. Barthe six-year-old daughter of a prominent minister after a jury in Judge Curtis Johnson's court had deliberated five hours.

> Barnett was accused of taking more than a score of young girls riding in

EVERYBODY IS REDUCED ELKHART, Ind., March 12.-Sweepng changes in official personnel on the lew York Central railroad affecting 4,850 officials from general superin-

SPRINGFIELD OFFICERS READY FOR EMERGENCY

Racial Clash in Ohio Seems to Have Been Prevented By **Prompt Measures**

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, March 12 .officials tonight announced that they were ready to cope with any situation racial disturbances, which last night resulted in the wounding of a policeman and a negro, and which have kept the city in a turmoil since last Monday, when an unidentified negro as-Sheriff Davis Jones, placed in complete charge of the situation, and with eight companies of National guardsto keep hands off the health question ters and all public gathering places their homes after 6 o'clock. As meas-

Another precautionary measure taken

Help the Farmers WASHINGTON, March 12 .- An ap-

peal for every "good citizen" to do what he can to help the farment through the present period of depression, not for the sake of helping the farmer alone, but "for the sake of helping himself," was made today by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in his first formal state-

and prices of other products come down before the normal relation between them has been restored, Mr. Wallace asserted. Talk of bringing prices back to a pre-war level he declared, "is morally wrong and economically impossible," adding that "everybody would be better off" if an effort were made to bring about a price level, "any 70 per cent above the pre-war normal." Secretary Wallace said he doubted whether the people in the east realize just what has happened to the farmers of the producing sections. Citing conditions in the central west as an example, he said that notwithstanding that "we have the finest rural civilization, taken as a whole, the world has ever seen,' the farmers are now in "a trying period and are suffering financial losses."

Farmers throughout the nation especially those in the south and west, he added, "are experiencing exactly the same trouble."

Armour and Company Wire Department Chief They Will Follow Suggestions

said ing industry, a telegram was sent to this is the last time. out notices to all the companies calling church, from which funeral services their attention to the setting of the will be conducted tomorrow at 3 versy over Dr. Grayson, however, had dent Wilson from making southern that they send two representatives to Dr. Irwin did not get to complete the done under other circumstances. Mr. confer with him and two representa- statement he had started because of Harding will not have to lanswer to tives of the employes regarding the an interruption by defense counsel. present situation in the industry.

The telegram which was signed by Armour and company said:

"Your message received. Will be glad to follow your suggestion." A statement given out at the same associate of Mr. Hamon. time that the telegram was made public.

cessity of wage cuts will not be at mony, like that of Kelly M. Roach. pointing a man either to high rank in Weeks the case of Col. Samuel L. issue. Nor can there justly be an an Oklahoma Olty insurance man, on

Secretary Davis' offer of personal mediation in an effort to avert a threat- Hamon shot him. there are lots of army officers who asked that Colonel Faison be given the ened strike in the industry also was accepted by the union leaders, Dennis Hamon as having said, and continued Lane of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers' of North Amer- he was lying down for a rest on the ica, sending a telegram to the head of bed in his own room, which adjoined the federal labor board in which he that of the defendant, when Clara nett, clubman and manufacturer, was suggested that a joint conference of Hamon came to him, placed her left found guilty here today of mistreating packers, employes and representatives hand on his head and fired a built of the labor department be held in into his body. He told how Hamon

Washington, March 18. The statement issued by the packers aside the firearm, but too late, then made no mention of the war-time ar- leaped to his feet, knocked the tiny hitration agreement which was can- automatic pistel from the woman's celled by them on February 26, and hand, on his knees searched for it his automobile during the last year and says regarding the recently announced in the darkness on the floor, recovered country of the life of its President is a half. On each occasion he is alleged reductions of wages and readjustment it, placed it in his pocket and then of working hours that "except through | walked to the sanitarium where he such measures as we have adopted, | died five days later. the possibility of industrial difficulties that might close our plants would stare

DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR

mal replies of the packers and of the employes in that industry to Secretary Davis' telegrams offering mediation in the wage reduction controversy were not received at the department of labor tonight and pending their receipt the secretary withheld com-

The secretary said, however, that he would set a date for the conference as soon as the replies consenting to the discussion had been officially received and added that Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, whom he consulted before proffering his personal mediation, would be asked to take part in them. Their advice would be val-uable, he said, as both of these departments are vitally concerned with After a day of preparation, Springfield conditions in the packing industry.

TRAVELERS PUT NEW OFFICERS IN CHARGE

Cape Fear Council Names Officials At Meeting Saturday

Plans for the annual convention of the United Commercial Travelers of by the government, namely, the atti- men as his aides, tonight had barred the Carolinas, to be held here June 3-4, day. Up to noon the United States tude of the Christian Science believers all traffic from city streets, suspended were further perfected at the annual embassy here had received no reports who insist that the government ought street car service, closed stores, thea- meeting of Cape Fear council, United on the killing other than the news-Commercial Travelers, held last night paper advices. and that no medical oligarchy should and ordered all citizens to remain in in the Odd Fellows' building. Besides disposing of a number of very impor-Brigadier General Sawyer will have ures to enforce orders of the sheriff, tant matters pertaining to the coming tacked as they were boarding a launch his hands full with these problems, all guardsmen patrolled the streets on meeting here officers to serve the lobecause it was deemed necessary to foot and in army trucks with machine cal council during the ensuing year the press dispatches say. The bodies were elected.

The new officials of Cape Fear counple announcement that the President by the authorities was the expeditious cil are: John W. Bloome, senior counwanted a family physician on duty at bringing to justice of James White, selor; E. B. Edwards, junior counselor; the white house. Some day congress 17-year-old negro and confessed as- J. F. Smith, past counselor; W. C. by statute sailant of Patrolman Joseph Ryan, Smith, secretary and treasurer: 'R. G. POSITIONS ON A., B. AND A. and the chances are that neither po- whom he shot three times last night Rankin, conductor; H. H. Springs, verdict of not guilty in the case in BIRMINGHAM, March 12.—Hundreds litical party would object to such a in the opening phase of the disorder. page; Lehman Wood, sentinel; L. H. which Ira Thompson, driver of an proposal for the health of the Presi- Captured shortly before noon today by Burnett and A. B. Croom, Jr., members automobile, was charged with murder dent is not a private, but a public mat- a posse of farmers following a running of the executive committee; and W. O. in connection with the killing of Dr. ter, and the demands of his job are pistol battle, White was brought to Page, chaplain. The new executives J. M. Pickelle, chemist of the North such that no money can compensate this city, taken before Judge Geiger for the energy lost or the vitality that in juvenile court and hustled away in is exhausted by the perplexities of the presidential office.

Fage, chapian. The new executives J. M. Pickelle, chemist of the North were formerly installed in office last night by Past Counselor J. L. King.

J. F. Littleton and H. H. Pearsall was out only four minutes. guilty to carrying concealed weapons ing of the grand council convention to and shooting with intent to kill. The be held here in June. J. W. Bloome CURRITUCK, March 12.-St. Clair whole procedure was accomplished be- and J. L. King were named as alter-

THOUSAND OUT OF JOBS a private game reserve in Currituck White had been captured.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 12.—The West county, were acquitted by a jury this Today passed quietly with no unto- J. C. Lane, of Armour & Co., and Ben-

DYING MILLIONAIRE IS **OUOTED BY WITNESSES** IN THE ARDMORE CASE

One Swears Hamon Told Him That Clara Smith Hamon Shot Him as He Lay Abed

"WAS A FRAME-UP"

Another Witness Alleges Defendant Said He Was Told It Was Planned to Kill Him

ARDMORE, Okla., March 12. -Knowing he was dying, Jake L. Hamon, reputed to have become a millionaire through oil and railroad projects, and a Republican national committeeman. told one man he was shot by Clara Smith Hamon as he lay upon the bed in his room which adjoined hers at a hotel here, and told another that Clara had told him the affair was a "frame up by others," that she was "sorry for what she had done and that she had gone out of his life forever," two witnesses testifled at the woman's trial on a charge of murder in district court here today.

For the first time in the trial, which started two days ago, politics, which gained Hamon national renown, was ouched on when one of the witnesses stated that he had been told by Hamon to "take direct to Warren Harding" the matter of appointment to of fice of several of Hamon's friends, in which Hamon still expressed deep interest even while dying.

"She told me this was a frame-up by others, and that she was sorry, the Rev. T. E. Irwin, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lawton, who

The clergyman did not have direct information from Hamon that the young woman, former wife of a nephew, had shot him, he said. Not so, however, with W. B. Nichols,

former chief of police of Oklahoma City, Okla, and business and political Mr. Nichola was the second through whom the state has sought to introduce an alleged dying statement from Mr. Hamon and his testiyesterday, was to the effect that he had been told by Hamon that he knew

he was dying, and that Clara Smith "Bill, she got me," Nichols quoted that the wounded man had asserted said he threw up his left arm to knock

The former police chief testified he was in Mr. Hamon's office the following morning when Clara Hamon entered and agreed upon demand of Frank Ketch, business manager for Mr. Hamon then and now administrator of his estate, that she leave Ardmore

"Clara, I have never butted into your affairs before, but I am now. No more disgrace for the Hamon family." Nichols quoted Ketch as having said, "Why you talk as if I did." he said Clara replied. "He did it himself, and will tell you so." On cross examination Mr. Nichols

denied he had seen bruises and marks on Clara Hamon's face and arms at that time. Defense has indicated a plea that Hamon was shot in a fight with Clara, and that the bullet which killed him was fired while he was in the act of striking her with a chair. Other witnesses this morning also were questioned closely on that point and denied that her face and hands bore marks from a physical combat. Through Mr. Nichols it was brough out that Clara Hamon obtained \$5,000 from Ketch with which to leave Ardmore and that the business manager agreed to get it for her.

REPORTED AMERICANS KILLED

IN A TAMPICO SHOOTING NEW YORK, March 12 .- Four sailors, said to be American, were killed in Tampico yesterday, according to newspaper dispatches received here to-

The men, who were part of the crew of the Norwegian ship Sazon, were atby five masked men in another launch, have not been recovered.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

RALEIGH, March 12. - A Wake county jury early tonight returned a

WRECK BLOCKS TRAFFIC NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 12 .--The wreck of 13 cars in Chesapeake and Ohio freight train 876 at Williamsburg, Va., caused delay of all trains late today. Wreckage which covered both main line and all side tracks can not be cleared away before tomorrow

night, No one was injured.