

The Weather

Fair Friday and Saturday, not much change in temperature. River at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m., 9 feet.

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NOT GUILTY IS JURY'S VERDICT IN THE CASE AGAINST CLARA HAMON

After Deliberations of 40 Minutes, Woman At Ardmore, Okla., Is Freed

ONE BALLOT TAKEN

Ripple of Applause in Court Room When Jury's Decision Is Announced

ARDMORE, Okla., March 17.—Clara Smith Hamon was today acquitted of a charge of having murdered Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committee member and millionaire railroad and oil promoter.

The jury was given the case at 4 p. m., and returned to the court room 45 minutes later.

R. F. C. Laughridge, 73-year-old farmer, said only one ballot was taken, a secret one, confirmed by a rising vote.

Clara Hamon obtained the information fully seven minutes before the verdict was rendered in open court and sat surrounded by members of her family, half smiling, half afraid to believe the words of assurance that were being toward her.

When Judge Thomas W. Champion sent the jury to the jury box and received an affirmative response to his question: "Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?" Her eyes followed the motions of the bailiff as he received the verdict from Mr. Laughridge and handed it to the clerk to read.

A ripple of applause greeted the verdict, which was quickly suppressed.

Clara Hamon, who had been in the court room for some time, dropped forward in her seat, only to be seized from behind by her younger brother, Jimmie, who kissed her and kissed her.

Members of her family cried out with her as she crossed to the standing jurors and haltingly thanked them for their verdict.

"I am the happiest woman in the world," she said.

She used a secret passage from the courtroom to escape the crowds which threatened to overwhelm her with congratulations. Tonight her plans for the future were incomplete, she and members of her counsel of six attorneys said. She is considering a number of business propositions, according to Walter Scott, of Fort Worth, Tex.

Her father, J. L. Smith, is seriously ill at El Paso, Texas, and it was said that she might return to be with him in the last days of what is termed an illness which may be fatal. None of the members of the family of Jake L. Hamon was in the courtroom when the verdict was rendered.

Mrs. Hamon at that time was in the courtroom. She attended all sessions of the trial, except the one in which she was in the courtroom when the verdict was rendered.

Not once during the entire trial did she begin a weep. Today, however, she began to weep when she learned of the verdict and that she would not be until tomorrow because of her physical and mental condition.

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Is New Assistant Secretary of War



Lieutenant-Colonel J. Mayhew Walnwright, of New York, who has been nominated to be assistant secretary of war. Colonel Walnwright is a lawyer and served on the staff of Major-General Ryan, commander of the Twenty-seventh division in Belgium and France.

C. D. WEEKS CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF MAYOR, MAKING 3 FOR PLACE

Well-Known Lawyer Announces Himself on Platform of Business Government

HIS FIRST VENTURE

States That During His 20 Years Citizenship He Has Never Been a Candidate

"I think the city government should be taken out of politics and if elected, I will do my full part to see that it is run on a business basis—that is my platform in my candidacy for the office of commissioner of public safety and mayor of Wilmington," declared C. D. Weeks, well known attorney, last night as he formally announced his intention to put his candidacy before the voters of the city for one of the three offices to be filled as a result of the primary April 19 and the election May 3.

Mr. Weeks, it is known, has been considering becoming a candidate for mayor for the past week or so and has been urged, it is said, almost continuously by friends to enter the race. Friends have been contending that he is a successful lawyer and business man, a large tax payer, and possesses the requisite qualifications to head the city government.

In his formal announcement, Mr. Weeks declares he has never before, during the 20 years he has been a citizen of Wilmington, sought office of any kind or description, and that he is under no obligation and has no alliance with any man or set of men, and therefore is not brought out by any one. Further, he declared, he does not contemplate any political trades and is running absolutely on his own platform and opinions.

The announcement of Mr. Weeks increases the number of formally acclaimed candidates to 11, the greatest interest, apparently, being in the office of commissioner of public works, no less than five aspiring for that place. Three each seek the other offices. Those formally announced are:

Mayor and commissioner of public safety—Joseph H. Curtis, James H. Cowan and C. D. Weeks.

Commissioner of finance—Joseph E. Thompson, David N. Chadwick and T. W. Wood.

Commissioner of public works—Parker Quince Moore, Robert C. Cantwell, George Benson, James L. Wade and W. F. Edmondson.

Under the election rules prevailing, formal announcement of candidacy can be filed by any citizen who has a petition bearing the names of not less than 25 voters in his favor, provided the petition is filed with the election officials not less than 10 days prior to the date of the primary. This would mean that April 9 would be the final day, which leaves about three weeks for further elaboration of the list.

FARM LOAN BONDS APRIL 15

WASHINGTON, March 17.—April 15 is the earliest date on which the new federal farm loan bonds can be ready for issuance. Commissioner Lobdell of the farm loan board, announced tonight. The action of congress just before adjournment in extending the call period of the bonds has necessitated the preparation of new plates for engraving the bonds.

REPUBLICANS PLAN TO PUT THE TARIFF FIRST IN THE NEW CONGRESS

Ways and Means Committee Determined to Rush Permanent Tariff Measure

WEST IS INSISTENT

Demands That Revenue Legislation Be Made Secondary to the Tariff Bill

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Republican members of the house ways and means committee stood pat today on proposition that a permanent tariff bill should top the executive program of the new session of congress.

This view was expressed at a committee conference, which took up, among other things, the question of preparing and rushing through the house the same anti-dumping bill passed last session, together with an added American valuation measure. The latter may be incorporated in the same bill, and the committee adopted a resolution requesting treasury department officials to frame a rough draft for its consideration.

There was no intimation from the white house as to whether the President had approved the arrangement on Monday at a conference of the ways and means and senate finance committees. The President had expected to see western members of the committee who have been assisting in demanding that the tariff be taken up ahead of revenue revision, but the meetings was postponed at his request and Chairman Fordney explained that he had sent Fordney a list of members with whom he might want to discuss the situation.

Meanwhile there were other movements under way which would have the effect of giving interests demanding it an emergency tariff. There has been much discussion of the proposal by Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, to prevent an embargo on wool which was included in the tariff measure, passed by the senate and house and vetoed by Mr. Wilson. Congressional and administrative circles were said to be planning to put the matter on other products now on the free list. Although they had been advised of such a movement members of the ways and means committee declared that the emergency tariff had been definitely abandoned.

Agreement was reached at the meeting today that the anti-dumping bill would be placed in the hands of a grand jury again tomorrow and re-indictment of the players whose cases were dropped, sought.

Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, took charge of the case today and announced that he would handle it from now on. He ordered the cases dismissed after his plea for six months in which to gather new evidence had been denied by Judge Dever and May 2 set as date for trial.

Tonight, in a formal statement, Mr. Crowe placed the blame for the collapse of the case on his predecessors in office, charging they had handled it improperly; on an alleged conspiracy which he said had defeated justice and William Burns, the latter five charged with engineering the alleged world series deal, were taken off the call, but may be brought up again. The cases dismissed were those of the men who had surrendered and given bail. There was little prospect of the men returning to baseball, however, all being both unconditionally released and on the ineligible list.

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American Soldiers Return From Rhine With Wives and Babies



Here are some of the American soldiers from the army of occupation who arrived in New York recently on the transport Sonne with brides they married while serving along the Rhine. Some returned with youngsters born in Germany. In this group are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Capstick, Mr. and Mrs. John Truzsnecher, Mr. and Mrs. John Ettore and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Larkin.

TO START NEW CASES TO DISCONTINUE LOCAL IN BASEBALL MATTER

State Drops Prosecution of Players Alleged to Have "Thrown" World Series

CHICAGO, March 17.—Immediate prosecution of Chicago White Sox baseball players and others indicted in connection with the alleged throwing of the 1919 world series collapsed today when the state, charging corruption of its chief witnesses, dropped the cases against seven of the players and Judge William Z. Foster took the others off the court.

Tonight, however, the state plunged into the task of preparing a new case with announcement that the matter would be placed in the hands of a grand jury again tomorrow and re-indictment of the players whose cases were dropped, sought.

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TO DISCONTINUE LOCAL NAVAL RADIO STATION

Secretary of the Navy Writes Senator Simmons It Will Be Closed Up

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, March 17.—Secretary of the Navy Denby has informed Senator Simmons that the wireless station at Wilmington should be discontinued.

The secretary's letter says in part: "The question of maintaining the naval radio station at Wilmington has been under consideration by the department for some time. Its possible advantages and disadvantages have been discussed, along with a view of providing adequate facilities for communicating with the merchant marine and the navy and at the same time reducing the expense and upkeep and maintenance necessary in the operation of the stations."

"A study of the traffic handled by the Wilmington radio station during the past two months, January and February, 1921, shows the following to be the number of words handled by that station:

"Navy average per day, January, 8, sent 224 words and received 17; February 13, sent 311 words, received 43; commercial messages, January 16, sent 42 words, received 133; February 6, sent none, received 167 words."

"During the quarter ending March 13, 1920, the records show that there was an average of only one commercial radio message per day and less than one official radio message per day handled by the Wilmington station."

"The Wilmington radio station is situated about 80 miles from the Moorehead City naval radio station and has land wire connection with that station, so that messages between vessels at sea and Wilmington have good facilities for prompt handling."

"After careful consideration of all features of the case, it appears to me that the department would not be warranted in continuing the operation of the Wilmington naval radio station."

INSIST THAT PANAMA COMPLY WITH TREATY

United States Sends Firm Note to Isthmian Country

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Firm insistence that Panama immediately comply with the provisions of the White arbitral award in settling its boundary dispute with Costa Rica was today made by the United States, the note dispatched to Panama by Secretary Hughes early this week, the text of which was made public here today.

Provisions of the treaty under which Panama and Costa Rica agreed to submit to the arbitrator of Chief Justice White their disputed boundaries on the Atlantic side of the Cordilleras were cited by this government in support of its contention that the jurisdiction of the arbitrator had not been exceeded in the award, as claimed by Panama in its recent note to the state department.

The United States government further insisted upon its observance by Panama of the previous award on the Pacific side made by President Loubet of the French republic in 1900 and which it was declared was "unequivocally accepted" by both Panama and Costa Rica in the Panamas-Anderson treaty of 1910, the same convention in which the Atlantic boundary was submitted to re-arbitration by the American chief justice.

"Notwithstanding this fact," the note stated, "the government of Panama apparently has taken no steps to fulfill its obligations to recognize the territory on the Costa Rican side of that line as subject to the jurisdiction of the government of Costa Rica, but has continued to exercise jurisdiction over the territory beyond that territory until the present time."

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Seven independent packing companies joined in a statement issued here tonight endorsing the wage reductions put into effect Monday by the five big packers and declaring the wage scale previously in effect precluded operation at a profit in the packing industry.

The statement was signed by Roberts and Oake, William Davies company, Louis Praelzer and Sons, the Independent Packing company, the Brennan Packing company, Boyd-Lunham and company, and Miller and Hart.

POISONING IS ALLEGED GREENSBORO, Ga., March 17.—Mrs. Will Williams and A. L. Campbell were ordered held without bail at a commitment hearing tonight in connection with the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Williams' husband. Campbell is a section foreman and a boarder in the Williams home for two years.

WHOLESALE LIQUOR IS TO BE ENDED MAY 15

Commissioner Kramer Pro-nounces Sentence Against Business

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The wholesale liquor establishment, brother of the bar, will be put to death May 15, under sentence pronounced today by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer.

Although an opinion rendered by Attorney General Palmer last December said the wholesaler has no legal right to continue in business, internal revenue and prohibition officials decided to grant some time in which he could unload stocks without too heavy monetary loss. But Mr. Kramer's announcement today made it clear there would be no further extension of time and the execution of the sentence would be carried out.

Mr. Kramer, however, opened the way for the retail druggist to obtain supplies for prescriptions, removing the ban on withdrawals from bonded warehouses. For several months such warehouse doors have been closed. The order today makes it possible for the retail druggist to transact business directly with the bonded warehouses. Wholesale druggists will be taken care of later, Mr. Kramer indicated, by granting them similar privileges.

Dealings between retail druggists and other purchasers and the bonded warehouses later will be limited by regulations which officials declared would be drastic enough to satisfy the most ardent prohibitionists.

They must be based, however, it was added, on Mr. Palmer's opinion. It is planned to put them in effect about the time the wholesale houses go out of existence.

So far as the wholesaler is concerned, Mr. Kramer said, his one task now is to get rid of the stocks on hand. He will not be allowed to increase his present holdings, but there are no strings tied to him in selling to druggists, either wholesale or retail before May 15. Officials announced no further concern for the amount of liquor held by the wholesalers, but said they believed the stocks largely would be disposed of before the doors are closed finally.

TILDEN AND MRS. MALLORY WIN AT TENNIS AT BOSTON

BOSTON, March 17.—William E. Tilden, of Philadelphia, world's tennis champion, and Mrs. Franklin I. Mallory, New York, national woman singles turf title holder, resumed their partnership today in the newly instituted indoor national mixed double tournament on the Longwood Cricket club courts at Chestnut Hill. They defeated Mrs. E. B. Cole, 2nd, of North Andover, and Irving C. Wright, Boston, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

This was the first playing together of Mrs. Mallory and Tilden preparatory to sailing for England in May to engage in the world's championship mixed doubles outdoor tennis tournament at Wimbledon, which begins in June. Incidentally, it was Tilden's first appearance in open competition since his return from New Zealand, where he played in the Davis cup matches last year.

CONSTABLE IS KILLED IN IRELAND AS A REPRISAL

DUBLIN, March 17.—(By the Associated Press)—As a reprisal for the execution Monday of Thomas Whelan in Mount Joy prison, Constable O'Kane was shot dead in Clifton, County Galway, last night, and another constable was wounded. Crown forces made searches to discover the authors of the shootings and shot to death John McDonald, who is alleged to have attempted to evade arrest.

Three bombs were thrown at a military lorry last night in Camden street. The soldiers returned the fire and some civilians were wounded.

VOTE FOR PACKING STRIKE CHICAGO, March 17.—An almost unanimous vote in favor of a national strike in the packing industry was cast throughout the country, according to officials who began to count the ballots tonight. Definite returns are not expected before tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT AGAIN TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE BUSINESS OF COUNTRY

American Business Men to Be Mobilized Through Their Various Industries

BUILD UP EXPORTS

President Harding Approves Measure That May Mean Prosperity for Nation

By DAVID LAWRENCE

(Copyright, 1921, by The Morning Star) WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Harding has approved a course of action that may mean more for the prosperity of America—its business revival and permanent development—than anything else that has happened since the close of the European war.

American business men are to be mobilized through their respective trades and industries.

The United States government is again to render a measure of co-operation with private business which made possible during the war the building up of a huge export trade but which since then has been allowed to lapse partly through the dissolution of war agencies and partly through the failure of the American government to proclaim a definite foreign policy toward Europe.

Through discussion by President Harding and his cabinet of plans which will be largely in the hands of Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, has led to the conviction that America must have foreign markets as a way out of her industrial and agricultural depression and that the American government must adopt somewhat the same attitude of helpfulness toward private business which European governments are adopting.

Secretary Hoover, will, therefore, call to Washington the representatives of all trade and industrial bodies. The British, for instance, the