

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 foreman, 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 asked the bench 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 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 attended all sessions of the trial, except the one in which she was in the witness box. She was in deep mourning and sitting directly opposite Clara Hamon, 30 inches away.

Not once during the entire trial did she begin a weep. Today, when she returned to the witness box, she was conscious of each other except on the days when they testified when each regarded the other closely.

At the home here of Mrs. Clara Hamon, it was said that she had not been told of the verdict and that she would not be until tomorrow because of her physical and mental condition. She said that if her mother were present, she would have the acquittal after such brief consideration by the jury, it would "tend to throw her into a collapse, on the verge of which she is right now."

**NEGRO CHARGED WITH TAKING CHURCH FUNDS**  
WILMINGTON, March 17.—James Hargrave, a negro, was charged with the taking of funds from the Union Baptist church, and was arraigned today before Recorder John H. Moyer on the charge of misappropriating funds of his congregation, valued at \$583.91.

The motion of the defense that a more specific bill of particulars be furnished, Recorder Moyer continued the case until April 2.

A warrant charges that Hargrave repeatedly received money from the negro congregation during 1920 and deposited less amounts at numerous times than paid him. The pastor and other officials of the church appear as witnesses for the prosecution. Hargrave declares that he has a large tax payer, and possesses the requisite qualifications to head the city's 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 increased 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 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. P. 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.

## 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.

He is the youngest of five children of a prominent New York family.

He was graduated from West Point in 1902 and served in the Philippines and France.

He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 1917 and served in the Meuse-Argonne campaign.

He was decorated with the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre.

He is a member of the New York State Bar and the American Bar Association.

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## 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 in the east 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 would be 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.

**DANIELS WINE MESS RULE WILL STAND SAYS DENBY**  
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Secretary Daniels will not scold former Secretary Daniels much discussed order abolishing the wine mess on board naval vessels. The naval secretary said today that leaving national prohibition out of consideration, he was heartily in accord with Mr. Daniels on the subject and that he did not believe a "corporal's guard" of naval officers could be found who would favor rescinding the Daniels order.

**PRESIDENT GIVES RECEPTION**  
WASHINGTON, March 17.—For the first time since the United States entered the war the white house today was the scene of a reception to the diplomatic corps. The President and Mrs. Harding received their guests, numbering about 250, in the blue room. The statement was signed by Roberts Secretary and Mrs. Hughes, Under Secretary of State and Mrs. Fletcher, and Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Bilas of the state department attended the reception.

**APPROVE WAGE REDUCTION**  
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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.

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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 which was discontinued last year will be closed up.

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."

**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.

**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.

## 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 concerns 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, 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.

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## 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 iron and steel, the lumber men, the grain men—indeed all who have anything that can be sold abroad—will be summoned here in an effort to bring about an agreement in Washington, but something more far-reaching than that is contemplated, namely American export houses abroad. The trouble about the whole question of foreign trade heretofore has been that American export agencies we can find that out have been unwilling to combine or have been unwilling to do so because of competitive conditions on this side of the Atlantic.

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