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## OVERMAN SECURES PROMISE TO THINK ABOUT THE SOUTH

Harding To Give "Serious Consideration" For Representative From Southeast  
WILL CALL SENATOR IN IF SHOULD THINK WISE

Washington, March 12.—During a half hour interview at the White House this morning, Senator Overman presented the name of A. J. Maxwell, chairman of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, to President Harding for consideration for a vacancy on the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Following his return to the Capitol, Senator Overman said he had a very pleasant visit with the President, that the latter appeared impressed with the suggestion that the section included in the Southeastern tariff territory ought to be represented on the Interstate Commerce Commission, and gave the Senator to understand that he would give serious consideration to the suggestion, and if he decided to allot one of the two remaining places to the Southeast, to call Senator Overman in for another conference before making an appointment.

While Presenting Mr. Maxwell as a man thoroughly equipped for the important duties of I. C. C. commissioner Senator Overman made it clear that what he is most concerned about is that the South shall have representation on the commission.

Potter Appointment Confirmed. Because of the President's attitude, Senator Overman and other Southern Senators made an objection today when a motion to confirm the appointment of Mark W. Potter, of New York, to the commission was before the Senate, and Mr. Potter was confirmed. However, the appointment of former Representative Eech to the Commission is still being held up. Eech's nomination being objected to by Senator LaFollette, in whose State the nominee lives. Senator LaFollette opposed the Eech-Cummings transportation act, of which the Commission nominee was one of the authors and because of the wide difference in their ideas on transportation matters, Mr. LaFollette is expected to do all in his power to prevent Eech's confirmation.

Most of the Democrats who were in the Senate opposed confirmation of the nomination. Thomas O. Marvin, of Boston, to the tariff commission. Regarded as the "highest protectionist" in the country, the Democratic Senators opposed his appointment to the tariff commission on the ground that he was a lobbyist. Marvin has been serving as secretary of the Home Markets Club of Boston, protectionists organization, and as chief of Massachusetts textile men, whose protectionist ideas are for a high tariff.

Marvin Strong Protectionist. At the time President Wilson made his famous charge that an insidious lobby was exerting its influence at the Capitol and an investigation was ordered, Senator Overman was made chairman of the investigating committee. That Senator said today that Marvin was called before the committee and admitted that he was here to lobby against the Underwood-Simmons tariff law and for high protection rates in the interest of the Massachusetts manufacturers. A dispatch from Boston this morning says that "Mr. Marvin is one of the strongest protectionists in the country" and that the "majority of the textile men here are protectionists, so that Mr. Marvin's selection for the tariff commission is a most popular one."

Democrats opposed Mr. Marvin, not only because they regarded him as a lobbyist, but because they think the Tariff Commission should be a body of men who will study tariff questions from an unbiased point of view and make recommendations based on a scientific study, rather than men who go to the commission with the plain purpose of sky-rocketing duties to the very highest point they can get them.

Urges Promotion For Bowley. After leaving the White House this morning, Senator Overman called upon Secretary of War Weeks to urge promotion for Colonel Bowley, commander at Camp Bragg. Colonel Bowley's nomination to be a brigadier general was sent to the Senate by President Wilson, but the Senate withheld confirmation. Secretary Weeks assured Senator Overman that Col. Bowley's nomination for promotion would be renewed and it of course will be confirmed this time. This will probably mean that Colonel Bowley will continue to command Camp Bragg indefinitely.

Promotion for Col. S. J. Faison, a North Carolinian who served as a brigadier during the world war and commanded the thirtieth division at one time, was also urged by Senator Overman, and the Secretary of War promised to look into the matter.

Credit Note. According to a story in one of the leading trade and financial papers in New York City this morning, the banking and currency committee of the National Association of credit men has issued a statement "protesting against recent legislation in North Carolina which prohibits various checks from protesting non-payment checks, drafts, etc., when such non-payment is due to the refusal of the bank on which the check is drawn to pay it, or, as a result of which the per-collection

## HAMON DECLARED WOMAN SHOT HIM, WITNESSES STATE

Preacher Testifies that Dying Man Told Him It Was 'Frame Up By Others'  
POLITICS INTRODUCED INTO OKLAHOMA TRIAL

Admore, Okla., March 12.—Additional testimony that J. L. Hamon, Oklahoma Republican national committee member, had declared on his death bed that he had been shot by Clara Smith Hamon as he lay on the bed in his hotel room, was introduced at the woman's trial here today. W. B. Nicholas, business associate of Hamon's, corroborated testimony of yesterday as to the shooting, and T. E. Irwin, who conducted Hamon's funeral services, quoted Hamon as saying that Clara Hamon had told him the affair was a "frame up by others" and that she was sorry for what she had done.

For the first time in the trial, which started two days ago, politics, which gaisted Hamon national renown, was touched on when one of the witnesses stated he had been told by Hamon to "take direct to Warren Harding," and the "maker of appointment to office of sergeant-at-arms of Hamon's friends, in which Hamon still expressed deep interest even while dying.

"Frame-Up By Others." "She told me this was a frame up by others and that she was sorry," Rev. T. E. Irwin, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lawton, who delivered Mr. Hamon's funeral oration, testified the dying man told him. "Three times I had said her off, but this is the last time."

The matter of the alleged "frame-up" was not touched on further by either State or defense counsel, and statement he alleged during statement from Mr. Hamon and his testimony, like that of Kelly M. Roach, an Oklahoma City insurance man on yesterday, was to the effect that he had been told by Hamon he knew he was dying, and that Clara Smith Hamon shot him.

"Bill, she got me," Nicholas quoted Hamon as having said, and continued that the wounded man had asserted he was lying down for a rest on the bed of his room, which adjoined that of the defendant, when Clara Hamon came to him, placed her left hand on his head and fired a shot into his body. He told her Hamon had said he threw up his arms to knock aside the firearm, but too late, then leaped to his feet, knelt the tiny automatic pistol from the woman's hand, on his knees searched for it in the darkness on the floor, recovered it, placed it in his pocket and then walked to the bathroom where he died five days later.

Agrees To Leave City. 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 of the estate, that she leave Admore quickly.

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

On cross-examination, Mr. Nicholas denied he had seen bruises and marks on Clara Hamon's face and hands at that time. He also had indicated a place where 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. Nicholas it was brought out that Clara Hamon demanded \$5,000 from Ketch with which to leave Admore and that the business manager agreed to get it for her. Nicholas quoted Clara as having said J. L. Hamon told her she might have that amount.

Bound To Secrecy. Defense counsel so far has been strict in bringing statements from each of the four State witnesses who swore to knowledge of the manner of the shooting, that they had kept it a deep secret, each witness testifying he had been bound to secrecy by Hamon from his death-bed.

Everett W. Sallis, a chauffeur of Dallas, Texas, testified he had driven Clara Hamon from Dallas to Cisco, Texas, where she boarded a train for El Paso en route to Chihuahua City, Mexico, that she had attempted to rent an airplane at Dallas and that on the trip west from Dallas she had ridden with two pistols partly concealed in her lap.

He said Clara Hamon told him she had shot a man, hoped he died, and that she had asked whether a new or old pistol was the better to shoot a man with to kill him. Sallis said he told her an old one, as rust and dirt then would help make the wound worse.

## LAWLESS OUTBREAK PUZZLES OFFICERS

Church, Two Schools, and Two Dwellings Burned in Newlight

IS IT RETALIATION FOR DISTILLERY RAIDS? ARE DIRECTED TO RETURN STUFF WHENCE IT CAME

Burnings Follow Visit To Township By County and Federal Officers Whose Coming Is Apparently Advertised To Blockaders By System of Signals in Neighborhood

Five mercantile establishments at Wake Forest have received warnings to send fertilizer purchased by them back to the manufacturers or "take the consequences." Notices were posted on their buildings a few days ago, signed by "The Farmers' Friends," and have so far been ignored. Two customers who purchased fertilizer from one firm received similar warnings on the night following the purchases and returned the fertilizer to the dealer. No acts of violence in this connection have been reported so far. No clue as to the origin of the notices has been discovered.

The notices were posted on the business houses Tuesday, were typewritten and very anonymous. They were apparently written by a person or persons with some degree of education, as the spelling and punctuation were practically correct. One copy of the notice read as follows:

WARNING—BEWARE. "This guano is too high-priced to use. Take it back from whence it came or take the consequences." (Signed) "The Farmers' Friends."

Copies of the warning were posted on buildings of W. C. Brewer and Co., W. H. Holding, Wilson and Daniels, Wake Forest Supply Company, and the Wake Mercantile Company.

Mr. John M. Brewer, of W. C. Brewer and Co. stated that his firm was the only one of the five that has received shipments of fertilizer so far. He said the copy of the notice was posted on the fertilizer warehouse. Mr. Brewer adding that fertilizer was sold to some 20 or 25 customers and that on the night following the purchases identical typewritten warnings were posted on the places of residence of a majority of the customers. Mr. Brewer said two of the customers returned fertilizer purchased by them as a consequence of the notices.

No sales of fertilizer have been made by any of the other Wake Forest firms. These warnings have been ignored by the mercantile concerns, and no violent acts as a consequence have been reported.

Plant Beds Destroyed. Unconfirmed reports of destruction of tobacco plant beds in the northern section of Wake county have been received. One report has it that a number of plant beds in the section along the Raleigh road from Raleigh to Neuse were recently destroyed by unidentified parties, while another was to the effect that similar destruction of plant beds occurred in parts of Wake Forest township and in the section between Wendell and Zebulon.

No cause for the destruction of the plant beds has been advanced other than that the occurrences are local measures to prevent planting of tobacco.

Springfield Ready To Cope With Disturbance  
No Further Trouble Expected In Ohio City, Where Race Riot Threatened

Springfield, March 12.—The streets of Springfield were deserted tonight and civil and military authorities agreed that the racial disturbance which has kept this city in a turmoil since last Monday, culminating in the shooting of a policeman last night, were seemingly at an end. If there are no disturbances during the night it is said to be probable that State authorities will begin withdrawing troops early next week.

## PACKERS AGREE TO ATTEND MEETING TO DISCUSS WAGES

Send Telegram To Secretary of Labor After All Day Discussion in Chicago

ACCEPTED SUGGESTION TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES

Chicago, March 12.—After an all day discussion by heads of the packing industry, a telegram was sent to James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, at Washington, accepting his suggestion that they send two representatives to confer with him and two representatives of the employes regarding the present situation in the industry.

The telegram which was signed by "The Packers' Association," said: "Your message received. Will be glad to follow your suggestion."

A statement given out at the same time that the telegram was made public, said: "We assume that the justice and necessity of wage cuts will not be an issue. Now that there is justly an issue on the matter of hours."

Secretary Davis' offer of personal mediation in an effort to avert a threatened strike in the industry also was accepted by the union leaders, Dennis Lane, of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, sending a telegram to the head of the Federal Labor Department in which he suggested that a joint conference of packers, employes and representatives of the Labor Department be held in Washington March 18.

The statement issued by the packers makes no mention of the wartime arbitration agreement which was cancelled by them on February 26 and says regarding the recently announced reductions of working hours that "except through such measures as we have adopted, the possibility of industrial difficulties that might close our plants would stare us in the face."

DEPARTMENT ISSUES NO STATEMENT DURING DAY. Washington, March 12.—The formal replies of the packers and of the employes to that industry to Secretary Davis' telegram offering mediation in the wage reduction controversy were not received at the Department of Labor tonight and pending their receipt the secretary withheld comment.

The secretary said, however, that he would set a date for the conferences as soon as the replies commencing the discussion had been officially received and added that Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace whom he consulted before preferring his personal mediation would be asked to take part in them. Their advice would be valued, he said, as both of those departments are vitally concerned with conditions in the packing industry.

FAILURE TO GET LICENSE CAUSES FOUSHEE'S ARREST  
State Insurance Commissioner Construes Co-operative Concern As Corporation

Williamston, March 12.—J. Frank Foushee, secretary and manager of the Peanut Growers Exchange, of Suffolk, Va., was arrested at Plymouth, N. C., today on a warrant sworn out by the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner for selling stock without a North Carolina license.

Mr. Foushee gave bond for his appearance before the Recorder's court at Plymouth Monday, March 14, at 10 a. m.

For the past two weeks, Mr. Foushee and three field agents, have been in Martin and Washington counties securing signatures to the growers' contract which has been signed. It is claimed by nearly four thousand growers in Virginia and North Carolina. According to the terms of the contract, the grower pays an organization fee of \$10 at the time of signing the contract and then agrees to pay the balance of forty dollars due on one share of common stock as soon as the growers representing more than fifty per cent of the peanuts grown in the two states have signed the contract.

According to Mr. Foushee, the organization is a non-profit, co-operative at its inception and the share of stock that the grower conditionally agrees to take when he signs the contract is merely the basis for membership in the exchange. The contract he maintains is modeled after the California plan for co-operative association and is virtually the same as the contract now being presented to cotton and tobacco growers of the South for their signatures.

## REICHSTAG VOTES TO APPROVE STAND TAKEN BY GERMANY

HARDING TO SEND HARVEY TO LONDON

Foreign Minister Simons Makes Lengthy Explanation of Allied Reparations Demands

Washington, Mar. 12.—Plans of Senate leaders to end the special session today were overthrown by a combination of further delays at the White House and Capitol affecting important appointments on which the administration wants action before adjournment.

Failure of President Harding to send in his nominations for the Shipping Board is understood to have been the principal barrier to bringing the session to a close. It was indicated that the President was having difficulty in including some of the men he wants to accept, and both he and the leaders in congress are anxious to have the appointments made and confirmed before the senate quits.

While it waited for the Shipping Board nominations the Senate heard also that Mr. Harding might ask it to pass judgment before adjournment on the nomination of Colonel George Harvey, the New York editor, to be ambassador to Great Britain. Selection of Colonel Harvey is understood to have been definitely decided on, and although Mr. Harding was not ready to transmit the nomination today, the Republican managers in the Senate received advance information of such positive character that they conducted a poll of the Foreign Relations committee on the question of confirmation.

Still another cause for prolonging the special session was provided by Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, who objected to immediate consideration of the nomination of former Representative James J. Eech, of that State to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Under the senate rules the nomination, sent from the White House yesterday, had to be put over until Monday.

Meantime the Senate cleaned up most of its slate of accumulated nominations, voting confirmation of a number sent in earlier in the week and of several that Mr. Harding submitted today.

Mark Twigg of New York, whose nomination to the Interstate Commerce Commission was sent to the senate along with that of Mr. Eech, was one of those confirmed. Among the selections submitted by the President during the day and favorably acted on by the Senate were: William W. Husband, of Vermont, to be commissioner-general of immigration; Harry H. Billany, of Delaware, to be fourth assistant Postmaster general, and Carl Mapes of Michigan, to be solicitor of the bureau of internal revenue.

Word that the President might ask for early action on the nomination of Colonel Harvey came as a surprise, the general expectation here having been that all diplomatic appointments would be put over until the session that is to assemble next month. John W. Davis, the retiring ambassador at London, is on his way home, however, and it was indicated that Mr. Harding had not decided it would be unwise to leave the post vacant until congress reassembles.

The belief tonight was that several selections for the Shipping Board, probably would be ready to send to the senate early next week.

A. B. & A. RUNS FIRST TRAIN TO CORDELE, GA.  
Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—The Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railway Company ran its first train from Atlanta to Cordele, Ga., today since the wage strike began last Saturday and announced that employees had returned to work at Montgomery 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 Lineville, Ala., road officials said.

No official advice from the United States Railway Labor Board has been received by B. L. Bugg, mediator, or by union chiefs regarding the call for a conference March 21, and officials pending both sides withheld comment pending direct word from the board of the conference, which was held in press dispatch.

Union chiefs, however, had previously issued a statement expressing determination to fight the wage reduction to the end.

LAKE PROJECT MEETS WITH WIDE APPROVAL  
Asheville, March 12.—Expressions of encouragement over the plans for the construction of a great lake which will extend from Asheville to Brevard, as mapped out here, this week at meetings presided over by Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt are pouring in here daily. The lake directors will meet March 25 to get the matter actually started and it is believed some definite action will be taken next week in beginning the work mapped out.

SAYS HOLDING UP LIQUOR IS AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT"  
Victoria, B. C., March 12.—Reports that liquor consigned to northern British Columbia is being held at the Alaskan frontier by American authorities will be investigated, the British minister, protested to Ottawa, an "unfriendly act," Attorney General Ferris said today. The attorney general said he had received protests from many persons in the north of the holding up of liquor.

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