

# CAM MORRISON NEW SENATOR

Appointed Saturday to Succeed  
Lee S. Overman, Who Died  
Friday in Washington.

Salisbury, Dec. 16.—Governor O. Max Gardner, by virtue of the authority with which the 1929 North Carolina General Assembly invested him, Saturday appointed Cameron Morrison, the man who defeated him for Governor in 1920, to fill the Unit-



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ed States Senate seat Lee Slater Overman's death left vacant.

"I intend to take the oath of office just as quick as I can," Mr. Morrison said.

Gov. Gardner announced his decision to Mr. Morrison and the press at the home of Walter H. Woodson here, where he and Mrs. Gardner are spending the week-end, shortly after the interment of Senator Overman. With others of the State's officialdom, the Governor and Mr. Morrison had come to attend the last rites for North Carolina's junior Senator.

The self-sacrifice, the delicacy of former Congressman Clyde R. Hoey, Governor Gardner's brother-in-law, to whom he is bound as well by deep affection, close political association and lifelong companionship, cleared the way for Morrison's appointment.

**Was In Quandary.**  
The Governor—he admitted it Saturday afternoon—was in a quandary. "If Clyde Hoey had wanted to go to the Senate," he said, "I would have appointed him even though I had to resign."

Mr. Hoey didn't. Governor Gardner read this telegram from him: "I am not a candidate for appointment to the Senate and do not wish you to consider me in connection with the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Overman."

This decided Governor Gardner, Cameron Morrison, he said, was regarded by the public as a candidate when Overman's term expired. His decision was made immediately.

Explaining the immediateness of his appointment, Governor Gardner said he thought that "since the Senate is in session, it is essential that North Carolina be represented."

**Confirms Wisdom.**  
The emergency arising out of Overman's death, he commented, "confirms the wisdom of the last General Assembly's action" in empowering the Governor to fill vacancies by appointment. "Otherwise," he continued, "there would be the primary and election to go through with, and the State would be deprived for this term of the services of one Senator."

Of Morrison, Mr. Gardner said, "I felt there was in North Carolina no man more devoted to the State. His loyalty to the party in this present period has been fine and genuine."

"He had wide support. A great many people thought that he possessed the knowledge of his State, and of national and international problems to make a fine Senator."

Mrs. Gardner, having the first word, broke the news to Mr. Morrison that he had been chosen. The Governor chuckled over that. "I never saw a man so impressed," he said.

**Attitude On McNinch.**  
Mr. Gardner said he did not know Morrison's position in regard to the nomination of Frank R. McNinch, Charlotte lawyer, to be a member of the Federal Power Commission. Hoover's choice of McNinch, who deserted Democratic ranks to lead the North Carolina fight against Al Smith in 1928, drew fire from State Democratic leaders including Governor

Gardner, and was attacked in the Senate committee where McNinch's expenditures and the possibility of his connection with "power trusts" were scrutinized.

The appointee himself was equivocal.

"I hold Mr. McNinch personally in high regard," he said. He preferred not to commit himself "just now" as to whether he would favor his confirmation in the Senate.

The Governor was franker he has spoken before anent Mr. McNinch.

"I like him personally too," he said. "As to whether he as a Democrat there may be some doubt." He found a smile in that, and also in the prospect that Senator Simmons, North Carolina's senior senator with whom Morrison split over the Smith question in 1928, would present him to the Senate. Morrison himself was elated, frankly so, over his appointment. Photographers had snapped pictures of him, alone, with Mrs. Morrison, and with the Governor.

"I should have had a new suit," he laughed. "But maybe that wouldn't do—too slick."

"I'm going to Washington as quick as I get the papers," he said.

**'Best Sport In World.'**  
Harking back to his defeat of Gardner in 1920, Morrison declared "he's the best sport in the world." "And Clyde Hoey"—words failed him. "Telephone him? I'm going up to see him."

As Morrison left the Woodson home for Charlotte, the two shook hands again.

"Goodbye, Governor," said Morrison.

"Goodbye, Senator," said Gardner. Gardner himself referred to that bitterly contested campaign in 1920.

"I am not one to bear political malice toward any one," he said. "Mr. Morrison has supported my administration to the fullest."

Governor Gardner indicated he would at once forward Mr. Morrison's commission as Senator to the clerk of the Senate. The appointee expected to send to Raleigh Monday for his papers and leave as soon as possible for Washington.

### NOVEMBER.

The leaves are fading and falling,  
The winds are rough and wild,  
The birds have ceased their calling  
But let me tell you my friends:  
Though day by day as it closes,  
Both darker and older grow.

The roots of the bright red roses  
Will keep alive in the snow.  
And when the winter is over,  
The boughs will get new leaves,  
And quail come back to the clover,  
And the swallow back to the caves.

There must be rough cold weather  
And winds and rains so wild;  
Not all good things together  
Come to us here my friends,  
So when some dear joy loses  
Its beautiful summer glow,

Think how the roots of the roses  
Are kept alive in the snow.  
—NAOMI RHODES.

### REAL FRIENDS.

Do we realize from beginning to the end  
Just what it means to have a real true friend?

Do we have one on which we can rely,  
Matters not what maybe the reply?  
Are they one who "loveth at all times"

Between the dark spaces and lines?  
Are they really kind and true friends,  
If a deed they should be asked to do?  
Are they sympathetic and really wise  
In a joyous or sad surprise?

In trouble and in sorrow,  
Will they be with you today and tomorrow?  
Then if we should have this kind of true friend,  
We should be the kind that isn't easy to offend;

We could really take a decent joke,  
For we can easily give an apology,  
Without angry words, "Oh gee,"  
For in our minds we plainly see  
That real true friends will always be.

As I sit so lonely and sad all alone,  
And the birds are singing so gay,  
In the tree tops and on the bough,  
I always think of you friends,  
And I wonder dear if you ever take time.

To stop and think of me;  
I hope if you haven't in the past  
you will in the future,  
For I always think of all my real friends.

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—ADA GREENE.

### Wants Bible.

Avondale, Dec. 15.—Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to school at Avondale. My teacher is Mr. C. C. Dalton. Please bring me a bow legged doll, carriage, a paint set, some doll dresses, wrist watch and a Bible, some fruits and nuts.  
Goodbye Santa,  
Your little friend,  
LILLIAN GREENE.

### Good Little Girl.

Caroleen, Dec. 14.—Dear Santa—How are you getting along on your way down to see us boys and girls in the good old sunny south. We are all happy and gay from day to day because the time is so short. It won't be long until you will fill my stocking. I want you to bring me a pair of bed room slippers, bath robe,

story book and a sweater. I am nine years old and in the fourth grade at school, and a good girl. Mother said.  
Your little friends.  
—MARGARET BROCK.

### Very Smart.

Avondale, Dec. 15.—Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl. I have been very smart this year. So please bring me a small sleepy doll, a nut set, fruits and nuts. I hope you will visit all of my little friends. Goodbye Santa until next year.  
Love,  
—MARY JANE GREENE.

### White Banjo.

Cherokee, Falls, S. C., Dec. 15.—Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy seven years old am in the third grade. Miss Logan is my teacher. Here are a few things that I want, an air rifle with lots of shot, tip top wrist watch, black and white banjo,

and several boxes of caps for cap buster.  
Now old Santa don't forget me and remember all little boys and girls.  
Your friend,  
—JIMMY EARLY, JR.

### Good Scholar.

Forest City, Dec. 15.—Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy eight years old. This is my second year in school and I try to be a smart little boy and I want you to bring me a dinky truck and lots of candy, fruits and nuts. With love and best wishes to all.  
—RAY BLANKENSHIP

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