

CLARA HARTON SMITH GIVES SELF UP

ASSOCIATION HEADS BEFORE COAL PROBERS

Tell of Selling Government 150,000 Tons at Immense Profits.

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Ponzi Creditors Get Xmas Cheer From Jail Cell

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Charles Ponzi Wednesday sent from Plymouth jail a Christmas greeting to his thousands of creditors bidding them be of good cheer.

The one-time financier, who is serving a five year sentence for using the mails to defraud, expressed a hope that the mishap to his creditors freed by Gov. Goodrich, near the spirit of the Christmas season, and asked them to look forward to the day when he would step from the jail a free man to add them in receiving their money.

STATE GIVES 13 PRISONERS XMAS GIFT OF LIBERTY

Governor Shortens Sentences of 10 Others—Many Cases Continued.

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POLICE START FIGHT TO HALT WAVE OF CRIME

Additional Patrolmen Assigned to Districts Throughout City.

WORK IN PLAIN CLOTHES Robberies and Holdup Reported to Police—Two Suspects Held.

That efforts are being made to check the wave of crime which has been sweeping over the city for several weeks, was shown last night when Sergt. of Detectives Koczowski and Detectives Dellinski, Pailo, Bloom, Winters and Kish, apprehended Frank Scheepki, 1015 Arnold st., and Steve Prastour, suspected of being the men who Monday night held up a Russian in the "Bloody Bucket" saloon, in W. Grace st., and robbed him of \$7, a gold watch and other valuables.

Although after the arrest Prastour denied the accusation both men were held in custody and will be questioned today by the police department, which has police records and have been under suspicion for several days.

The holdup in the "Bloody Bucket" was not made public by the police. The victim was said to have been seriously injured during the fight. Both of the men escaped at the time but since the description of the holdup men tallies with those arrested, the police believe the affair solved. The officers believe that the two men also are responsible for other crimes here.

Officers Take Oath. With the increase in the number of patrolmen on the South Bend police department, the local public last night watched with interest developments that would lead up to the roundup of the band of crooks and gunmen that is believed responsible for killing an Interurban conductor, got a 30-day parole.

Among the 13 paroled are Frank Heiman, who killed a man at Madison, Ind., on Christmas eve, 17 years ago, and Bohal Garfield, sentenced for murder from Jackson county 10 years ago. Both were sentenced for life. Other paroles included:

Robert Long, Clinton county, sentenced to the reformatory last June for grand larceny; William Artie Perry, Hancock county, grand larceny; Randolph Avey, Bartholomew county, manslaughter; Elmer Whitfield, Sullivan county, manslaughter; William Rashall, Spencer county, robbery; Louis Kitchen, Spencer county, robbery; Charles Jennings, Fayette county, assault and battery to commit a felony; Layton Wall, Putnam county, escaping from penal farm, and Hobart Hubble, Morgan county, burglary.

Sentences of 10 prisoners also were commuted, while plea for clemency for 23 others were denied by the board, which also continued the petitions of 36 prisoners, most of them serving murder sentences.

Blasser Term Shortened. The commutations included: Otto Kreen, sentenced from Allen county last July for 14 years, forgery, reduced to one to 14 years; Leslie Keever, Delaware county, sentenced in January, 1919, to 20 years, burglary, reduced to 14 years; Marceline Lancia, Grant county, sentenced December, 1918, five to 14 years, robber; reduced to 14 years; Charles Blasser, St. Joseph county, sentenced December 14 years, robbery; reduced to 14 years; Arthur Shelton, Vanderburgh county, sentenced December, 1917, two to 14 years, forgery, reduced to one to 14 years.

Clemency pleas rejected by the board included Charles Clay, Allen county, sentenced 14 years, forgery; John Paul Jones of South Bend, sentenced from Wayne county, grand larceny; Giuseppe Adams, Vigo county, manslaughter; Earl Toland, Grant county, burglary; Wm Robinson, Howard county, murder; Carl Ceel, Huntington county, forgery; Urban Faurot, Huntington county, grand larceny; Paul Resadona, Huntington, grand larceny; Charles Kriot, Lake county, enticing girl into immoral house; Kenneth Snyder, Howard county, issuing fraudulent check; William Langdon, Huntington county, forgery; and Thomas Walburn, Delaware county, grand larceny.

Armstrong Case Continued. Among the cases continued were the following: Day Armstrong, St. Joseph county; Jesse Lee Arter, Delaware county; Frank Crisp, Elkhart county; Francis Duncan, Hancock county; Samuel Hobbs, Vanderburgh county; Harry Hooper and Robert Jones, Wayne county; John Knapp, Wayne county; Albin Ludwig, St. Joseph county; Omer Seligman, Miami county; Donald C. Stanley, Bartholomew county; Garland Van Horn, Elkhart county; and James Walker, Madison county.

FIRE ON DANUNZIO. ROME, Dec. 22.—The Italian torpedo boat destroyer Zeffiro has shelled the forces of Gabriele d'Annunzio, occupying Veglia, says the Stefani agency.

Surrender Ends Long Hunt



Latest photograph of Clara Barton Smith Hamon, said to have been the power behind Jake L. Hamon, "empire builder" of Oklahoma, and who surrendered Wednesday in connection with his death, after eluding officers for three weeks and gaining safety in Mexico.

PUSHING SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

Make Final Effort Today and Friday to Reach the \$7,000 Goal.

Approximately \$1,000 must be raised Thursday and Friday through the sale of Christmas seals by the workers in charge of the sale if they intend to reach their goal of \$7,000 which was set at the beginning of the campaign two weeks ago.

The newly appointed officers, who were given their oath of duty and instructions at the city hall Wednesday morning, reported for service last night and were assigned to various beats in the city. All of the new officers, as well as a number of the mainstays of the force, are (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)

SOLDIER TELLS OF IRISH EXPERIENCE

"Black and Tans" Flayed by Ex-Corporal in Testimony Before Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A charge against the "black and tans" in Ireland as "wholly without discipline and not responsible to anyone" was given Wednesday by a former corporal in the United States army who testifies before the committee on the Irish question.

Daniel J. Broderick of Chicago, who said he served on the Mexican border before the world war and in the navy during hostilities, told the committee today that the Irish soldiers in Ireland were "wholly without discipline and not responsible to anyone" was given Wednesday by a former corporal in the United States army who testifies before the committee on the Irish question.

Broderick said he had witnessed a number of homes by "drunken black and tans," the "poor shooting" of cattle by English soldiers and the wounding of a little girl by the military.

He added that one of the black and tans and a member of the Royal Irish constabulary had shown him their ammunition, which he said consisted of noised bullets. The witness described several killings attributed to black and tans.

TARIFF BILL PASSES HOUSE BY BIG VOTE

Temporary Measure to Protect Farmers Goes Over by 196 to 86 Vote.

OPPOSITION SQUELCHED Hot Debates Feature Passage. H. C. L. Aided by Bill, Say Opponents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Over the protests of a defiant minority, the house Wednesday night adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 86. The vote was taken at 8:45 o'clock, after eight hours of debate.

It was evident long before the vote was taken that the supporters of the measure, designed to protect some 20 odd farm products for a 10 months' period, had the situation well in hand. But Rep. Henry T. Rainey, democrat, Illinois, leading the opposition, opened a bitter attack which increased in intensity as the debate wore on.

Paraphrase by paragraph, he assailed the measure, while the republicans with loud roars of "noes" sent his proposed amendments down to defeat. A few republicans supported him in his attack, but a score of his own party turned from their traditional stand against a high tariff to join the majority.

Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, which reported the measure, in opening debate declared the measure was not scientific and admitted it was hastily drawn, but asserted it was the best that could be had at this time.

Rep. Garner, democrat, Texas, speaking in support of the bill, said he felt it was the only way in which congress could extend the relief so urgently needed by the farmers.

Rep. Madden, republican, Illinois, however, assailed his colleagues for "opening the way to a renewal of prohibitive living costs." Pointing his finger at the majority leaders' desk, he said:

"You men will make two lamb chops cost \$1.30 again and you will make our suits of clothes cost 100 percent more."

Rep. Garrett, of Tennessee, said he saw "this bill a determined effort to divide the democratic (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)

HARDING MAY MAKE SELECTIONS SOON

Cabinet Offers May Be Made Early in New Year—Lays Out Other Plans.

MARION, O., Dec. 22.—Although many important decisions remain to be made, it became known Wednesday night that President Harding's series of conferences have brought him much nearer the solution of the big problems of his administration.

A world peace plan based on the united moral influence of the great powers is taking more of a concrete form as the cabinet studies the subject from every viewpoint.

Available material for the cabinet has been sorted painstakingly and although no appointments have been offered, the field of possibilities has been narrowed sharply. Definite announcement of selections for two or three of the most important portfolios may be made early in the New Year.

Plans Reorganization. On the problem of reorganizing the elaborate executive machinery at Washington plans of the president are less complete but he at least has gathered much information and advice and has settled upon a central scheme of procedure. He proposes to build his cabinet from the very beginning about the idea of a reorganized executive department.

These are the outstanding accomplishments of the deliberations about Mr. Harding's cabinet board here, but the discussions also have developed many policies of less prominence. He is keeping an ear to the ground for information on the labor situation and on financial conditions. He has inquired into the question of agricultural relief and has sought for the real story of the nation's military and naval status.

PRISONER DRAWS 10 Year Term In Court 'Lottery'

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Asst. Dist. Ct. Sullivan in general sessions court Wednesday held five slips of paper in his hand—five charges against Lawrence Hawthorne, 22-year-old youth held under \$100,000 bail for his part in the Hot Astor holdup last week.

"I'll draw one 'card' and plead guilty to the indictment on it," Hawthorne said.

"Which one?" asked the assistant district attorney. He held the slips as he would a poker hand. The indictments ranged from assault to burglary in the first degree, punishable by "not less than 10 years in the state prison."

Hawthorne drew at random. He pleaded "burglary in the first degree," the severest of the lot. "Guilty to the charge, your honor," he said.

ALUMNI OF STATE SCHOOLS ASKED TO LEND INFLUENCE

Purdue Head Points Out Need of Funds for Educational Betterment.

A plea to the alumni of Purdue and Indiana universities of St. Joseph county to exert their utmost influence with the local members of the Indiana legislature to secure the passage of law whereby the educational institutions is being assessed for the purpose of raising a fund to be used by W. E. Stone, president of Purdue university, and Dr. H. B. Myers, dean of the medical department of Indiana university, in making hold in the Chamber of Commerce building Wednesday night.

"Despite the fact the purchasing value of the state institutions' funds have been cut in half, its income, which is fixed by law, has not been increased to an appreciable degree," Mr. Stone said.

"At the present time a tax of 2.8 cents on every hundred dollars' worth of taxable property is being assessed for the state educational institutions and this percentage is entirely inadequate to meet operating expenses. In a bill which will be presented to the legislature in January we are asking that the old law be amended to increase this percentage to seven percent on every one hundred dollars' worth of taxable property," he declared.

Says Revenue Low. Dr. Myers asserted that the taxable property in Indiana this year would amount to \$5,800,000,000 and of this amount under the proposed levy it would bring into the three state schools \$4,600,000, and education of that amount would go for the support of Purdue and Indiana universities and the remainder would go to the state normal schools at Terre Haute and Muncie. "This is only one-half as much as Wisconsin will receive for the support of her state schools next year and is not as large as the school appropriations in any of the surrounding states," he said.

Mr. Stone also told the local alumni that the efficiency of Purdue has been decreased because of the lack of funds during the last five years. He said the enrollment has been so large that the students cannot be cared for in the proper manner unless immediate financial aid is received.

Commission Refuses to Order Train For Miners

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 22.—In an order Thursday the public service commission refused to direct the Evansville, Indianapolis and Terre Haute railroad to run a miners' train for 106 Terre Haute workers from that city to the McClelland Coal company's mine, nine miles distant.

The railroad has no equipment for the train and the cost of operation would be prohibitive, the commission held. The order also said that the miners had threatened to strike if the train were not provided, but he delayed quitting work awaiting the commission order.

Ku Klux Klan Parades Jacksonville Streets

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 22.—More than 200 members of a branch of the Ku Klux Klan silently paraded the streets of South Jacksonville Tuesday night, completely disguised in white caps, masks and headed by a herald bearing a flaming cross. No explanation of the display was given.

SURRENDER AT JAUREZ ENDS LONG PURSUIT

"So Glad to See You." Woman's Greeting to Ardmore Sheriff on Arrival.

HID IN CHIHUAHUA CITY Sheriff to Start Return Trip to Ardmore Today—Woman Silent.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 22.—(By the Asst. Paso.)—Worn and weary after her flight which carried her from Ardmore, Okla., to Chihuahua City, Mexico, Clara Barton Smith, wanted by Ardmore on a complaint charging murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma millionaire, at Ardmore, Wednesday surrendered in Juarez to Sheriff Benk Garrett of Ardmore, but later was allowed to spend the night with her family here.

Sheriff Garrett announced he would start with Miss Smith on the return trip to Ardmore early Thursday morning. The sheriff made the following statement to the Associated Press regarding Miss Smith's plans for the future:

"Clara says she will make her \$10,000 bond the first thing after reaching Ardmore. She will spend a day or two with relatives in Carter county, Okla., and then will return to El Paso to make her home with her parents. When her trial is called Miss Smith will of course go back to Ardmore, but her home will remain here."

"I want the whole world to know my story," she told the correspondent of the Associated Press, "but I could not do so out any confidential interview tonight. All I can say is that I want to get back as soon as I can."

Later attempts to get a statement developed the information that Miss Smith was ill and that a physician would be summoned.

It was learned that she had been advised by her attorneys not to make a statement for the present. After Miss Smith stepped off the train, which came from Chihuahua City, she rushed to Sheriff Garrett, Tex., Oscar Harper, American vice consul here, and Ben F. Parsons, Miss Smith's uncle, accompanied her back to the American side.

The surrender of Miss Smith ended a search which led through the Oklahoma state prison in McAlester, Okla., to Mexico and which began Nov. 22 when the prosecuting attorney at Ardmore obtained warrants charging her with the murder of Hamon and with a statutory offense.

Hamon was shot in his hotel at Ardmore Sunday Nov. 21. He walked to the hospital where he said a gun had been fired and was accidentally discharged. He died Nov. 26.

SPRYBROOK FACES TRIAL FOR MAYHEM

Charged With Biting Off Fingers in Encounter With Adolph Clays.

Tryphon Sprybrook, on trial in the superior court for malicious mayhem, may receive a penalty of two to 14 years in the Michigan state prison if he is found guilty of the charge. The grand jury indictment under which he is being tried charges him with biting off the finger of Adolph Clays, the assistant taking place at the corner of Mill and Sixth sts. in Mishawaka, last March.

During the afternoon session of the court Wednesday a legal battle developed between opposing attorneys when counsel for the defense objected to admitting as evidence an alleged assault which Sprybrook is asserted to have made on two children and Clays was compelled to spend two months in the hospital receiving treatment, he testified. Although the state is attempting to prove that that attack was premeditated, attorneys for Sprybrook say that a quarrel preceded the assault and that the finger was bitten off accidentally.

Adolph Clays, on the stand, told of the assault by the defendant, and said that Sprybrook knocked him down and then bit off his finger. Blood poisoning developed, and Clays was compelled to spend two months in the hospital receiving treatment, he testified. Although the state is attempting to prove that that attack was premeditated, attorneys for Sprybrook say that a quarrel preceded the assault and that the finger was bitten off accidentally.

It was probably will not be completed before Friday evening, court attaches and attorneys say.