

# HAMON'S WIDOW IS WITNESS

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TWO CENTS IN SEATTLE

### Aileen's Peeve:

One of the Worst Cases That Ever Was. She's Going to Get Is Out of Her System. Too Many Pollyannas. Editor Makes, Perhaps, a Perilous Promise

DEAR BOSS: I'm peeved! I'm all broken out with peevishness! I'm suffering from the worst case of peevishness that has ever peevish anyone in this peevish world. I'm suffering from peevish suppression. I'm all worked up about it. Old Doc Freud would know how to treat my case. Here I've been working in this office for night out two years, come next Michaelmas day. In that time I've been peevish 1,846,963 times. I've had all the peevishes that afflict normal folks—flapping window blinds, office boys, spit curls, toothpick artists, etc., and then about a million peevishes of my very own.

If I could get these peevishes out of my system I would feel a whole lot better. Confession is good for the soul—also for the disposition. But every time I try to tell somebody about one of my pet peevishes, they move away uneasily. I sidle up to the city editor and drape my svelte figure over the edge of his desk.

"There oughta be a law against people who park their gum under chairs," I begin indignantly. "If there's one thing that gives me a—"

The city editor stirs fretfully at his typewriter.

"Um—er—um—By Jove, I forgot! I've got to see what's become of that story about the three-legged elephant!"

And he ups and runs for the composing room.

Now wouldn't that make you peeved?

And when I try to break out into print with a nice little private peevish of my own about people who read all the movie titles aloud, somehow it never seems to get into print.

By golly, boss, we've got too much of this glad stuff! We're all little Pollyannas, spreading sunshine everywhere!

A peevish is like an ulcerated tooth. It won't stop aching until it's pulled out. And that goes for everybody. I'll bet there's 20 people right here in the office that have been suffering for years with some ingrown peevish. I can tell it from their faces.

It would be an act of charity to let some of these birds air their peevishes. It would kinda clear the atmosphere if Frank, the telegraph editor, and the office boy, and the dramatic critic, and the telephone girl and the rest could about their trivial troubles to the ozone. Do you follow me?

But if you start on this peevish path, I wanta be the bird with the first squawk. I've been waiting for 11 months to get this off my chest—and when I do, gosh, what a relief it will be!

Can I do this, boss?

If I can't, I'm sure going to be PEEVED!

AILEEN CLAIRE.

(Note from the Editor to the City Editor) Aileen Claire hasn't done any actual work for three weeks. And now I get the insolent letter. I suggest you let her get out of her system—then maybe she'll start to earn her salary again.

(Note from the City Editor to the Editor) I've told Aileen to go to it, and also invited the rest of the staff to air their peevishes if they have any. We start tomorrow. I hope you won't blame me for the consequences.

### ROVER WALKER IS OUT OF GAME

BY LEO H. LASSEN  
VANCOUVER, March 14.—Seattle's chances for winning the first game of the playoff for the Coast hockey title, billed here for tonight, were given a big jolt when Manager Muldoon announced upon his arrival that Jack Walker, crack center rover, would not be able to play because of his injured knee. Jim Riley will be shifted from left wing to rover, and Muzz Murray will start at left wing. Otherwise the teams will line up as usual.

### Crackmen Find Safe Tough Nut to Crack

Crackmen sneaked the safe in the Occidental Sheet Metal Works, 312 Maynard ave., to the back room early Monday, worked on it a while and then deserted it without taking anything.

### The Hundred Dollar Punch!

ROUND TWO  
"Gee, kid, I didn't think you'd go up in the air like that," pleaded Tim Neely, manager for Kid Malone, a figure in local boxing circles.

"I'll admit I was sore the way you let Chicago Red paste you. But say, kid, I ain't no quitter. I'm going to stick right along with you, see? Only t'ing you need, kid, is a good sparring partner, so's you can get regular workouts. You're all right, kid; you've got the punch, you know that?"

Kid Malone allowed himself to be mollified by degrees. After his battered face had healed and the soreness left his ribs, he had reflected that it would not be an easy matter to find another manager as good as Tim Neely. Tim noted the Kid's friendly attitude and hurried on to say:

"Lookit! I got an ad wrote up here to put in The Star tonight. It oughta get you a good haul—been to punch around, hey, kid?"

The Kid consented to take the outstretched paper and read his manager's carefully written ad:

"Wanted—Sparring partner for Kid Malone to help coming champion get in condition for his fight with Pat Kelley. Call at Brown's Billiard Parlors and ask for Mr. Neely."

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### Two Girls Are Slain by Jack the Ripper

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., March 14.—Sailors' hangouts, "poison booze" dens and other dives of Perth Amboy and Staten Island were searched today for the "Jack the Ripper" who is held responsible for the deaths of two women in this vicinity.

His last victim is Mrs. Henry E. Wilson, 28, organist in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church here.

### Decapitated Body of Girl Is Found

BELTON, Tex., March 14.—One of the most gruesome murder mysteries in the criminal history of Texas was believed to have been discovered near Rogers, when fishermen found the decapitated and mutilated body of a young woman floating in Little river, in a gunny sack.

### 3 Camp Lewis Men Taken for Holdup

TACOMA, March 14.—Three Camp Lewis soldiers, charged with holding up and robbing Albert Jensen of 75 cents here yesterday, were held in the city jail. Police declare that Private Earl Young, one of the trio, has confessed to planning the holdup while at camp and that he stole a pistol for the purpose of committing the robbery.

### White Sox Trial Date Due Thursday

CHICAGO, March 14.—The date for the trial of the eight White Sox baseball players charged with throwing the 1919 world series to Cincinnati will be set on Thursday. Judge William Dever, who will hear the case today, denied the motion of prosecuting attorneys to postpone the trial until the autumn term of court.

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enforcement of the law.

A similar test was made of the governor's civil code and the supreme court ruled, five to four, that an emergency did exist.

Manning said Monday that he fails to see where there is any crying necessity for the poll tax.

"The state is not being menaced," he said. "There is no dire need of money and hence no occasion for the emergency clause. The legislature is defeating the very purpose of the referendum law by tacking on this emergency clause."

Manning said that he is besieged by telephone calls and by letters from people offering assistance and money in the fight.

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# MADGE SAWYER ILL

## MURDER CASE IS STRICKEN FROM CALENDAR

### WILL FIGHT POLL TAX IN COURT

Seattle Man Will Attack Emergency Clause Inserted to Beat Referendum

Undismayed by the discovery that the legislature tacked an emergency clause on the measure levying a \$5 poll tax on every person in the state between 21 and 60, thus making it immune from the referendum, Joseph R. Manning announced Monday that he intended to go ahead with his fight on the law just the same.

Manning, a Seattle undertaker, planned last week to start a state-wide referendum against the measure. Monday he said he would fight the tax in the state supreme court, if necessary.

As his program stood Monday, he plans to petition Secretary of State Grant Hinkle for referendum papers. If Hinkle refuses to issue them, Manning will then start mandamus proceedings in the supreme court against Hinkle.

This will call for a ruling in the high court as to whether there is an emergency necessitating immediate

### Death Fast Helped Ireland MacSwiney's Sister Is Sure



Miss Mary MacSwiney, who is in Seattle today, photographed as she holds a picture of her late brother, Terrence MacSwiney, martyred lord mayor of Cork.

pers two days before it got to the other side. I was in Tokpeka. A newspaper asked me there if I could confirm the story. I told them I could deny it, and called Art O'Brien, who called back to me that he had no notion what report I was talking about. Two days later he called me again, saying he had read the report to which I had probably referred, in the newspapers there. He said he was spreading the denial broadcast."

Miss MacSwiney is a pleasant little woman, with a smile as quick as her Irish wit. Her wealth of chestnut hair is graying. Her voice trembles when she speaks of Ireland. It was she, her sister Annie, and their younger brother who stood guard with the dying Lord Mayor MacSwiney during his death fast in prison.

The younger brother was the other day, sent to prison for 15 years.

"It was for carrying a weapon, which he was not carrying," his sister said, sadly. "He was with a crowd of young men. They were all arrested. It was said he had a gun. He didn't, but he was sent to prison for 15 years."

"I read in the papers yesterday that six were to be executed today. The only reason my youngest brother wasn't among them is because we raised such a commotion—'But why talk of tragedy—all our lives are Ireland's.'"

Miss MacSwiney is in Seattle on a tour of this country to urge American recognition of the Irish republic in Japan and China, during the whole time of the fast, the first question on the lips of everyone when they arose in the morning was, "What is the news of the lord mayor this morning?"

"Oh, undoubtedly," she exclaimed. "It focused the attention of the whole world upon the question. In every part of the world, in America, even in Japan and China, during the whole time of the fast, the first question on the lips of everyone when they arose in the morning was, 'What is the news of the lord mayor this morning?'"

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### WOMAN IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Suffering With Acute Appendicitis; Was to Have Been Tried Today

Madge Anna Sawyer's second trial for murder in the second degree in connection with the shooting of her husband, Howard I. Sawyer, May 10, 1920, was indefinitely postponed by Judge Mitchell Gilliam Monday.

Illness of the defendant which physicians, appointed by the court to investigate, diagnosed as acute appendicitis, was responsible for the ruling.

Would-be spectators who had filled every seat in Judge Gilliam's court since early Monday morning to witness the opening of the new trial received the news at 11 a. m. with visible disappointment.

They had waited patiently while lawyers in the case fitted to and fro with business which seemed to be leading anywhere except to the starting of a murder trial.

COURT APPOINTS TWO PHYSICIANS  
Rummens and Griffin, attorneys for Mrs. Sawyer, had submitted a request for a continuance of the case, pleading their client's illness.

Shortly afterwards they went into conference with Deputy Prosecutor T. H. Patterson, representing the state, in the presence of Judge Gilliam in the latter's chambers.

Judge Gilliam then appointed Doctors Don M. Palmer and C. B. Ford to examine Mrs. Sawyer in her room at the Holland hotel and report to the court.

RECOMMEND THAT SHE GO TO HOSPITAL  
Forty-five minutes later the physicians reported. They said they believed Mrs. Sawyer was suffering from acute appendicitis and recommended that she be rushed at once to a hospital.

Mrs. Sawyer's attorneys then pointed out that an operation would probably be necessary and there was no way of guessing how long their client would be ill. Accordingly, Judge Gilliam allowed the case to be stricken from the court calendar.

It will now go to the bottom of the court docket and will have to be re-set for trial at some future date by the presiding judge.

Mrs. Sawyer's former trial resulted in conviction last June. At that time she pleaded self-defense, temporary emotional insanity and accidental shooting.

AT LIBERTY ON \$15,000 BAIL  
She said she shot at her husband as he was leaving the house at which they lived because she wanted to frighten him into coming back after he had declared he would not return. The bullet, she said, took effect in spite of her lack of intention to kill.

She was granted a new trial by Judge Boyd J. Tallman on her showing that a juror in the case had been so deaf to hear the testimony and also on her claim that there was newly discovered evidence which might result in her acquittal.

Mrs. Sawyer has since been at liberty, awaiting the trial which was to have begun Monday, on \$15,000 bail.

### Harding Awaits O. K. Harvey Appointment

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Harding is awaiting assurance from the British government that Colonel George Harvey will be acceptable as American ambassador to London before sending Harvey's nomination to the senate, it was learned today.

These assurances have not been received and it is practically certain, therefore, that Harvey's nomination will not go to the senate today.

### EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS WILL BE CONVENED APRIL 11

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Harding will call an extra session of congress, Monday, April 11, Senator Lodge, republican senate leader, announced today, after a conference at the White House.

At the president's request the senate will continue in session tomorrow, adjourning then, if the pending nominations are cleaned up.

### Mother Will See Harding to Save Boy

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 14.—Mrs. Margaret B. Erickson, 60, Sioux Falls, S. D., is going to walk to Washington to ask President Harding to pardon her son, Joe Anderson, a military prisoner at Fort Leavenworth.

Mrs. Erickson last month completed a countrywide search for the boy, which started shortly after the armistice, and culminated in finding him at the prison. This search took the aged mother to practically every army camp in the country and exhausted her funds.

She expects to work along the route to Washington for her food and lodging.

### CITY STORMED BY ROTARIANS

Two-Day Northwest Convention Opens

PROGRAM OF ROTARY  
Monday  
8:30 a. m.—Banquet at the Hippodrome. Dinner and music at Hippodrome. 8:30 a. m.—Business session at Press club. 10:15 a. m.—Luncheon at Hippodrome. 1:30 p. m.—Business session at Press club. 8:30 p. m.—Informal reception and Northwest Conference hall at Hippodrome.

Tuesday  
10 a. m.—Business session at Press club. 12:15 p. m.—Luncheon at Hippodrome. 2:30 p. m.—Business session at Press club. 8:30 p. m.—Informal reception and Northwest Conference hall at Hippodrome.

Wednesday  
Morning—Post-conference golf tourney at Jefferson Park.

During the intermission between the second and third acts of "No-body's Fool," starring May Robson, at the Metropolitan theatre Sunday night, Frank P. Wells, the "Caruso of Rotary," from Bellingham, arose from a seat well back in the audience and burst into song.

The orchestra played on until the song—a delightful Rotarian parody—was finished, and Wells sat down while the audience bombarded for an encore. The house was filled with men and women of Rotary from every city and town of importance in the Northwest.

GOES DOWN FRONT AND SINGS AGAIN  
"Come on, front and sing it again!" yelled some one. Wells grinned. "Come on!" shouted the audience. "Go ahead!" urged Wells' companion in the seat beside him, and Wells went forward while the crowd applauded.

The orchestra struck up the piece again and, in wonderful voice, Wells sang the encore.

It was but an incident in an impromptu program which the Rotarians staged during the intermissions.

"They say that May Robson ain't got any style," sang a voice. The audience burst forth in applause. "She's style all the while; she's style all the while."

A cheer leader, with Rotary cap perched on his head, leaped up into his seat. The Spokane delegation followed him in a snappy yell.

Half was back in the left section the Bellingham delegation sang the Bellingham Rotary song.

Seattle responded with: "Sh-h-h-h-h!" "Seattle!" "Rah!"

MISS ROBSON ASKS FOR "PINNY LITTLE CAP"  
The curtain went up. May Robson, herself, smiling, bowing, came down stage and thanked them for their enthusiasm.

"I'd like one of those funny little caps," she said.

A man in the front row, snatching his from his head, tossed it up to her.

"She got Ferris' Spokane cap," another Rotarian shouted.

"Thank you," said Miss Robson. "I'll always keep it, and always remember this night. I hope we may meet again."

Seattle will be in the hands of Rotary until Tuesday evening, when the annual Northwest conference closes with a final reception and ball at the Hippodrome.

Delegates and visiting ladies are quartered at various downtown hotels. Headquarters are at the Frye. About 1,500 are attending the conference.

They were addressed at luncheon at the Hippodrome Monday noon by Will M. Cressy, of the Orpheum circuit, by S. B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman college, and by Gen. Bramwell Booth, world organizer of the Salvation Army.

# SHE SAW PRETTY CLOTHES OF GIRL

Mrs. Hamon Tells of Visit to Her Husband's Rooms ---State's Case Ended

BY CARL VICTOR LITTLE  
COURTHOUSE, Ardmore, Okla., March 14.—Jake Hamon's widow took the stand today to demand vengeance against the girl who shot her husband.

The woman of sorrows, garbed in widow's weeds, was called to testify against Clara Smith Hamon, charged with slaying Jake I. Hamon.

This was Mrs. Hamon's first appearance in court since Friday, when she collapsed at the sight of her husband's bloody and bullet-riddled clothing.

LED TO STAND BY HER SON  
She was led to the witness stand by her son, Jake I. Hamon, Jr.

Mrs. Hamon plainly showed the strain of the ordeal of the trial. She was ghostly white, her cold blue eyes had lost their luster, the wrinkles in her face were deeper.

Clara watched the woman whose husband she had lived with walk to the stand. Her face was expressionless.

Mrs. Hamon was calm. She told of going to her husband's room at the hotel.

"I saw a picture of my husband and one of the dresses with a very beautiful design on it."

"Mr. Hamon took away. I went to Lawton, Tex., in 1913. The children and I moved to Chicago at Lawton, but later moved to Chicago."

"I came back three and a half years ago with little Olive Bell. On this trip I went to Mr. Hamon's room and talked to him."

"I later went to his rooms about 11 o'clock. He had two rooms there. I went to both of them. I saw Clara Smith throw her hat and gloves on the bed and rush out. I saw her beautiful clothes—her fur coats."

"I took a revolver out of her trunk. My husband told me to take the midnight train to Chicago. That was about an hour and a half after I saw Clara Smith run from my husband's room."

Mrs. Hamon was the last witness for the state.

The state rested its case and the defense started presentation of its testimony.

William D. Nichols today revealed to the United Press what he tried to tell the jury the other day—the Hamon murder in national politics.

Nichols was the political lieutenant and adviser of Jake Hamon, whose secretary-protege, Clara Smith Hamon, is on trial for Hamon's murder.

HE WILL OBEY DYING REQUEST  
Nichols, witness for the state, gave the following testimony on Saturday concerning a talk he had with Hamon just before he died:

"Jake told me to go straight to Warren Harding and get some of his friends taken care of."

"He was stopped abruptly in court, but here is the rest of it, he told today:

"I am going to make good on the dying request of Jake Hamon. I am going to the White House to see President Harding in two weeks. Shakespeare said: 'The evil men do lives after them; the good is often interred with their bones.' He was right, judging from most of the testimony in this case. However, I want the whole world to know the powerful Jake Hamon as I knew him."

"Jake Hamon, whose wife is a relative of the Hardings, was one of the most powerful men in the republican party. Hamon first favored the nomination of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, but Wood appointed a political enemy of Hamon's as one of his chief lieutenants. Hamon then broke with the general."

GET CABLEGRAMS FROM HARDING  
"Jake Hamon did what no man ever did before—he put Oklahoma in the republican column for the first time in history."

"Nichols appreciated this fully. While lying on his death bed Hamon received several cablegrams from the president-elect, who was in Panama. As Hamon's warm personal friend and close confidential adviser, I make this statement:

"If Jake Hamon had not been shot he would have been the secretary of the interior instead of Albert B. Fall, of New Mexico. The job was already offered him."

Jake Hamon's widow was in court today for the first time since she broke down Friday when Hamon's bullet-riddled garments were displayed in court.

Mrs. Hamon showed the strain she had been under since her break-

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