

WEATHER. Utah—Snow tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight; colder Saturday. Fresh strong south to west winds.

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BANDITS ROB OGDEN DRUG STORE; ONE JAILED

Wilson Withdraws Control In San Domingo Italians Fighting Poet With Starvation

CLARA HAMON TO ENTER PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Gives Interview in Which She Says She Wants to Atone to Parents

DOES GIRL SHARE IN DEAD OIL MAN'S WILL?

Alleged Slayer Talks Religion to Reporter; Praises Men of West

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 24.—Clara Smith Hamon will enter a plea of "not guilty" to the charge of murder filed against her in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman, when the case comes up for trial here in the January term of court, Attorney James H. Mathers, one of her counsel, said today.

"By the evidence which we have in our hands, I can only feel assured that she will be acquitted," the lawyer added.

Clara Smith Hamon did not flee from Ardmore as a fugitive from justice. It was not until she had reached El Paso that she learned of Mr. Hamon's death. She did not dream that Mr. Hamon would die, none of us thought so at the time.

GIVES INTERVIEW. BIG SPRINGS, Tex., Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Concentration of her future energies to atoning to her family, "for the sorrow she has brought it," and determination never again to waste another hour of her life were avowed later today by Clara Smith, en route to Ardmore, Okla., to answer a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon.

In an interview with the correspondent of The Associated Press, looking nearly as bright as she looks earnestly on religion, philosophy, psychic research, art, fancy work and most earnestly of all her impressions of Mexico where she stayed three weeks before leaving herself to the custody of Sheriff Buck Garrett, of Ardmore, in Juarez Wednesday night. She shrewdly avoided discussing the charges against her and mentioned Hamon's name only once when she referred to her opposition to his retiring from active life.

FIRST INTERVIEW. The interview, which took place aboard the train on which she is traveling, was the first granted by her since her surrender.

"I have just been reading some of the many letters I have received from my dear friends," she began. "I wanted to tell you of the wonderful friends I had in Chihuahua City. They were deeply religious, though not orthodox. They mothered and fathered me as if I were a child. They brought me flowers and even toys. When I sought to thank them they protested that there was only one benefactor and whatever they did was done by Him through them as friends. It was a great spiritual lesson and experience for me, that was in Chihuahua City.

LOVES MEXICANS. "As I told them before I left, before I entered Mexico I hated Mexicans, but I love them now, although, I saw much of the best of them, and I could not adopt for myself. They believe in spirits. Although I do not say that this belief is wrong, I know that I need my own level headed religion—for I have one of my own. I am too much afraid of myself to let myself dabble in the occult.

"When I get back to Mexico—and I intend to go back again to rest—I shall teach my friends something of ventilation, cleanliness and hygiene."

HAS NO PLANS. When asked whether she ever expected to resume her secretarial career, she replied:

"I have no plans. I know only that I shall devote myself to making amends to my family for the suffering I have brought on them. I shall never again waste even an hour of precious time left me. I do not believe people should ever retire from active work. I have always opposed any suggestion that Mr. Hamon should retire.

Her face still slightly drawn from the strain of her recent experiences, she took a new glow of animation as she leaned forward and added:

"I believe that everyone must grow even during old age, and when people don't grow, it is their fault."

LEARNS FANCY WORK. Referring to the place of women in American life, she said:

"I frequently told my Chihuahua City friends I knew I could never make a Mexican man happy, they take their wives too much for granted, and they do not believe that women should have a will of their own."

Miss Smith informed the correspondent that she had learned how to do Mexican lawn work and showed him a lace specimen of her first effort. It looked like a good specimen.

"I would much prefer to read a good book to doing this sort of thing."

WHITE PLAGUE VICTIM SAYS SHE WILL BEG RATHER THAN STEAL

On Tuesday The Standard-Examiner published a letter from a person who said he robbed the Grill meat market but that he robbed in order to provide a good meal for his family, which was suffering because he was out of work and could not find employment.

This letter brought forth considerable discussion and induced another anonymous writer to set forth views. Here is a letter which contains the statement that they "will beg before they will steal."

"I saw the letter in the paper. My husband is working, but sick. We are behind with our rent and have a few groceries and \$1.93 to last us 'til January 3. We have only been here a short time and want to go to Arizona, but can't.

"I am not writing this for a selfish reason for there are others like me, a victim of the white plague.

"P. S.—Will beg before we will steal."

There was no name signed to the letter and no address was given.

COLBY IS TO GET WARM WELCOME FROM ARGENTINA

Secretary of State Is Guest of Honor at Luncheon in Rio Janeiro

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 23.—Bainbridge Colby, United States secretary of state, will be officially received by the Argentine government as the nation's guest. The foreign office announced today that Argentina would send a warship to Montevideo, Uruguay, to bring Mr. Colby to Buenos Aires.

In this connection the foreign office made public a memorandum of Frederick J. Stinson, United States ambassador to Argentina, in which he stated that the United States government considers that Mr. Colby's visit will show "without any doubt that there does not exist and never has existed any vestige of friction on the part of the United States by reason of the policy followed by the Argentine government during the recent war."

ASSURANCE OF FRIENDSHIP. The memorandum also stated Mr. Colby had no intention of "making reference to questions which have arisen during the last few years," but was only bringing assurances of the friendship of the United States.

When Mr. Colby's proposed visit to Argentina was announced several weeks ago, it was understood that he would come in a private capacity.

CHIEF OF HONOR. RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—Bainbridge Colby, American secretary of state, was guest of honor at a luncheon given at the Guanabara palace today. The vice president of the republic, members of the cabinet, high military and naval officers and members of congress being present. Later he paid an official call on the mayor of the city.

During the afternoon the Brazilian section of the Inter-American commission held a special session to welcome Mr. Colby. Dr. Amaro Cavalcanti, who represented Brazil at the recent financial conference in Washington, welcomed the secretary on behalf of the commission.

HARDING CALLS TAFT TO TALK ON WORLD PEACE

MARION, O., Dec. 24.—President-elect Harding turned to former President Taft today for counsel on the world peace problem and on practical details of organizing the next administration.

The conference was arranged at Mr. Harding's request and is understood to have concerned particularly the Taft-Taft plan for an international court in which the former president has been interested for many years.

Mr. Taft was a supporter of the Versailles league, but has taken the attitude that some different agency now must be organized to stabilize world conditions.

The coming of Mr. Taft revived speculation about his possible appointment to some high post under the coming administration.

NICKY ARNSTEIN CASE RESULTS IN MISTRIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Jules W. (Nicky) Arnstein and others reported to Justice Gould in the district supreme court today that it was unable to agree on a verdict after 19 hours deliberation. Justice Gould discharged the jury and announced a mistrial.

FIUME PEOPLE GET INVITATION TO RISK LIVES

D'Annunzio's Latest Proclamation Calls on Citizens for Limit in Sacrifice

ITALIANS SIT DOWN TO WAIT FOR HUNGER

Strange Situation Develops on Eastern Shore of Adriatic Sea

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Starvation is expected soon to bring to an end the "state of war" now existing between the "regency of Quarnero" at Fiume and the kingdom of Italy. The forty-eight-hour time limit given civilians to leave the city expired at 5 o'clock last night and it appears that the Italian government troops have settled down to wait for hunger to defeat the "regency" plans to combat the enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo. One government soldier is reported to have been killed by a bomb thrown by one of the "regency" legionnaires and shots are said to have been fired at an Italian destroyer, but thus far the "war" has not been marked by any notable hostilities.

BARRAGE OF NOTICES. A barrage of proclamations have been hurled into the rival camps of D'Annunzio and General Cavaglia, commander of the government troops forming the cordon about Fiume. These pronouncements have kept public interest centered for the time being at least, in the strange situation that has developed on the eastern shore of the Adriatic.

INVITES SACRIFICE. D'Annunzio's latest proclamation invites the people of Fiume to sacrifice their lives and fortunes in opposing the carrying out of the Rapallo pact. The people, however, do not seem to be very anxious to follow his advice. In spite of orders from the post-soldier forbidding anyone leaving Fiume, several hundred persons are said to have fled.

The fact that some Russian troops, formerly a part of General Wrangel's army, have been landed in Dalmatia, has caused apprehension in some quarters that they might be used to oust D'Annunzio from Fiume. It is asserted, however, there is no intention of using the Russians for this purpose.

CLEVER SLEUTH NABS 'TACK-PULLER' BURGLAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—An eccentric burglar last night invaded the Fifth avenue store forbidden to criminals and was captured in the act of entering a fashionable apartment in West Fifty-seventh street.

The burglar specialized in the use of a small new fashioned tack-puller as a "limb."

In many fashionable apartments robbed in the last six weeks, police have found a small tack puller, and lying close by it a bit of blue wrapping paper, which was later identified as that used by a large department store and today a detective kept at the hardware department of the establishment.

He was rewarded when a man appeared and bought several of the dainty implements.

Followed by the sleuth, the man walked to the apartment house in Fifty-seventh street, unwrapped one of the pullers and started work on a door.

NEGRO PREACHER LYNCHED BY OWN RACE, IS BELIEF

PERVIS, Miss., Dec. 24.—Following the finding of the body of Coleman Brown, an aged negro preacher, hanging from a tree and riddled with bullets shortly after his release on bonds in connection with the murder of a fourteen-year-old negro girl, Sheriff Williamson announced he believed negroes were responsible for the lynching.

Sheriff Williamson stated Brown had been admitted to bail Tuesday for an investigation had shown he knew little, if anything, of the murder from the negroes, however, he said had been very bitter. The body of the girl was found suspended by a clothes line from a tree.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS SENT TO FLEET BY DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Daniels sent today to the naval ships and shore stations his last Christmas greeting as head of the naval establishment. His message was addressed "to the navy family" and said: "Christmas greetings and appreciation of the splendid service which the navy has rendered in the year that is closing and in the world war. Its past contribution to real Americanism is an earnest evidence of its future service in preserving the peace of the world."

FOUR YEARS AS GUARDIAN PUTS NATION ON FEET

Time Has Come for Withdrawal of Control, President's Message Says

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM ON FIRM FOUNDATION

America Maintains Peace in West Indian Republic for Four Years

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A proclamation announcing "that the government of the United States believes the time has arrived when it may inaugurate the simple processes of its rapid withdrawal from the responsibilities assumed in connection with Dominican affairs," was issued at San Domingo today by Rear Admiral Thomas Snowden, naval governor, by direction of President Wilson.

The proclamation was in the nature of a Christmas gift to the Dominican people and presaged the withdrawal of American control over the affairs of the West Indian republic which began more than four years ago.

TECHNICAL ADVISER. Admiral Snowden announced that a commission of representative Dominican citizens soon would be appointed with a technical adviser to be named by President Wilson to formulate amendments to the constitution, revise the laws of the republic and draft a new election law.

A statement issued by the state department said complete tranquility had existed for some time throughout the republic and that the people for the first time in many years had been enabled to devote themselves to peaceful occupations without fear of disturbances.

ON STABLE BASIS. "The finances of the country," says the statement, "have been placed on a stable basis, great improvements have been brought about in public works, particular attention has been devoted to sanitation and public health, the educational system has been completely re-organized with the result that whereas there was a school attendance of about 68,000 pupils before the occupation there are now 100,000 pupils attending school. As the gross revenues of the republic have increased from a total of some four million dollars in 1916 to a total of over seven millions and a half in 1919."

WILSON THOUGHT LIKELY TO VETO FARMERS' BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Veto of the joint resolution reviving the war finance corporation is expected by White House officials, but in giving expression today to their belief they made it clear that they had no specific information from President Wilson.

The resolution is now in the hands of Secretary Houston to whom the president referred it for examination and a report. Mr. Houston is strongly opposed to it.

Proponents of the resolution in congress have declared they have sufficient votes to repass it over a veto.

SUSPECT HELD AFTER SLAYING IN ARIZONA

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Charles Summers, a cattle inspector, was shot and killed in his automobile on the Jerome Junction road seven miles from here early last night. His abandoned car was found by Sheriff V. O. Davis shortly after the arrest of John Lohlein, a saddle maker, who was charged with the crime.

Lohlein was arrested after other occupants of a rooming house here had reported the man was creating a disturbance. An overcoat, vest from a recent washing, was found in the room.

Summers' body was found about 100 feet from the automobile, a path in the snow leading the sheriff to its resting place. The sheriff was unable to explain the motive for the killing.

Mr. Gibson said that soon after the birth of the pig, on the death of its mother, it was adopted by a pointer dog with a litter of pups and that the pig continued to associate with its foster brothers and sisters after it became well grown. He declared that the hunting proclivities of the pig were accidentally discovered the first time the young dogs were taken to the field, the pig accompanying the party and taking an animated part in the hunt.

BRAINTREE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Four Christmas trees hung with toys, fruit, candy and the other good things intended to bring joy to the kiddies of the Holie school, were stripped by a thief who came in the night.

PATROLMAN NABS ARMED SUSPECT, CASH BOX GONE

Harry Byars, 21 years old, who says he is a switchman of San Francisco, is at the city jail on a charge of robbery, while his partner, name unknown, has escaped with \$531, stolen from the Depot Drug company at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Byars walked into the store where Roy Ferrin, 14 years-old, was mopping the floor.

"Give me some potassium permanganate," he demanded. The boy said he could not put up an order of that sort.

Byars then drew a .44 caliber revolver and told the boy to walk to the back of the store. He compelled the youngster to stand in the corner with his head facing the wall.

The second man then entered and the pair searched the rear of the store. A cash box, filled with checks and currency was seized.

Patrolman James Hearn chanced to walk into the front of the store. Upon hearing the front door open, the robbers fled.

PATROLMAN NOTIFIED. The youth rushed to the front of the store and notified the patrolman that he had been held up. Hearn ran to Merced's alley, at the rear of the store and captured one of the men at Lincoln avenue. He was said to be the one who had drawn the revolver on the boy. The other escaped.

Byars, upon being removed to the police station, admitted his part of the crime. He seemed reluctant to talk, however, and would not divulge the name of the other robber, who had made away with the money.

Detectives Everett Noble and Ed Butterfield were assigned to the case and arrested Fearing Quigley, 29 years old, of Salmon, Ida., a suspect in the case.

ANSWERS DESCRIPTION. Quigley answered the description of the man given by Byars. He wore a red aviator's jumper, a pair of overalls and a cap.

Because Byars compelled Roy Ferrin to keep his head averted while he and his partner were ransacking the drug store, the boy could furnish no description of the second robber.

Warren Cave, clerk on duty at the drug store, said he had just stepped from the store for a moment, but had not left until he had seen Officer Hearn approaching along the street.

IT IS BELIEVED BY THE POLICE that Byars and his partner are the same men held up Ernest Carr and Earl Griffin. This robbery took place between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets on Grant avenue at 1:30 this morning.

Two watches and \$13.50 in currency were taken by two armed men from Carr and Griffin. One of the robbers was identified as being about six feet tall, a description answering that of Byars, while the other robber was a man about 5 feet 4 inches tall.

J. E. Cave, proprietor of the Depot Drug store, stated that the cash box stolen this morning contained about \$450 in currency and the remainder in checks. There was one \$50 greenback in the currency.

Police have notified officers in Salt Lake, and in cities and towns along the Union Pacific railroad of the robbery.

GREAT MAIL TERMINAL PROMISED FOR CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Plans have been completed for a new six story \$4,000,000 postoffice building to handle parcel post exclusively. Work will start about March 1.

The new building, which is to be located in the heart of the railroad terminal district, will have underground loading platforms 800 feet long, capable of accommodating 42 railway mail cars at a time, with three shifts a day, 125 cars can be handled.

BELIEVE MISSING AIRMEN SAFE IN NORTH WOODS

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Belief that the three United States naval officers who left Rockaway Point, N. Y., a week ago last Monday in the free balloon A-5538 on an endurance flight, had fallen into the hands of traders or were being cared for by Indians in the lake country, was expressed today by Lieutenant Evans, the American aviator, who was sent here to direct the search for the missing balloonists.

FRANCE SAYS GERMANY DELAYS TREATY PAYMENT

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French government has protested to Germany for having stopped the payment of certain amounts of reparation, which it is charged constitute a violation of the peace treaty.

LAST CHANGE TO SHOP BEFORE CHRISTMAS

