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## HAMON CASE IS BATTLE OF TWO WOMEN

"Their No-Man's Land Is Love of One Man, Who Is Dead; Zero Hour, Desolation," Says Writer

Woman Correspondent Gives Graphic Pencil of Grim Scene Being Staged in Ardmore Case

By Winifred Van Duzer  
Universal Service Staff Correspondent  
Ardmore, March 12.—And so the Hamon trial, henceforward to figure in crime annals as the most spectacular case at law in the Southwest, is in truth no other than a battle between two women.

Their no man's land is the love of a man who is dead; their zero hour is desolation.

One, a matronly figure, black clad, offering reverence in death to a man who paid her little reverence in life is Georgia Hamon, widow of Jake.

The other, a girl, shrinking before life stripped bare, is Clara Smith Hamon, sweetheart of Jake.

Eyes cast down, hands pressed together, "The end of it is sitting and thinking," Kipling said. "Sitting alone. For despite the courtroom, where people jostle each other's knees, and despite kindly touch of family and counsel, the girl on trial must live in a solitude that is complete since the man who helped her create it went out.

In her isolation she reverts, perhaps, the fury of the older woman's eyes, the straight, cruel, virtuous line of her lips.

She gives in soul coin for days that are gone, and gives alone.

"The sin that ye do by two and two, pay for it one and one!"

THEY BALANCE ACCOUNTS  
Jake has paid. Clara is balancing her account. Georgia stands by to demand it.

For the prosecution came W. B. Nichols, one-time police chief of Oklahoma City, later field man for Hamon. He repeated in soft drawl what he said was the dying statement of his friend:

"Bill, he put her hand right on top of my head and put a gun to my breast. I threw up my arm like this, but it was too late. He said not to tell anyone ever without I had to."

His face contorted, "Was it for me?"

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## Birdsall Is Named On Tourist Board; McCann Declines

Salem, March 12.—T. A. McCann of Bend having declined appointment to the Oregon state tourist information bureau because of lack of time, Governor Olcott this afternoon announced the appointment of Wallace C. Birdsall to fill the vacancy.

Birdsall is proprietor of the Pilot Butte inn. The governor has called a meeting of the members of the board for Wednesday morning, for the purpose of organizing and getting the work of the newly created department underway. It is expected that Birdsall will maintain quarters in connection with the Oregon exhibit in Portland, where information concerning the state's scenic attractions and resources will be brought to the state through the efforts of the Northwest Tourists' association and other agencies. A fund of \$12,500 annually was made available for the use of the bureau by the last legislature.

## O'Shaughnessy May Get Diplomatic Post

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—Nelson O'Shaughnessy of New York, former ambassador to Mexico, conferred with President Harding today. Mr. O'Shaughnessy made tacit admission that he is being considered for a diplomatic post. He stated he would not return to Mexico.

## "Farm Prices Must Come Up" New Secretary Has Solution

Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—Price of farm products must come up and those of other articles come down if the nation is to be brought out of the present industrial depression promptly, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declared tonight in his first statement since taking office.

"The reduction of all prices to a pre-war level was declared by Wallace to be 'really wrong and economically impossible.'"

"If we could restore prices," he said, "back to the pre-war level, which we cannot, it would be equivalent to just about doubling the huge war debt. We can pay off our debts much easier if we maintain a price level more nearly the level at which the debts were incurred."

28 PER CENT LEVEL FIXED  
The excessively high prices which prevailed during the war cannot continue, but if we should try to bring about a level, say 70 per cent above the pre-war normal, everybody would be better off."

Wallace claimed that prices of agricultural products have not been reduced nearly as much as those raised by the farmers, and asserted that the important thing

## Turks Free Woman of Deschutes

Message Says Mrs. P. C. Burt, Who Was Held for Ransom, Is in Constantinople.

Bend, March 12.—After being held for ransom by a party of Turkish nationalists, Mrs. P. C. Burt, wife of a Deschutes county rancher, has been freed and is now in Constantinople, Burt stated today.

The letter which told of his wife's release gave few details of the affair, except to mention that the capture had been made at Samosun. Mrs. Burt has been in the Near East since early in 1919 as a relief worker. She is expected to return to the United States in April.

## PLUG VOLSTEAD LAW, SAY DRYS

Anti-Saloon League to Ask Congress to Stop Leaks in Prohibition Statute.

By Herbert W. Walker  
Universal Service Staff Correspondent  
Washington, March 12.—(U. P.)—Enactment of a "supplement" to the Volstead law to stop "leaks" in prohibition enforcement will be asked of the new congress by the Anti-Saloon league, Wayne B. Wheeler, its general counsel, said tonight.

Details of the supplemental bill have not yet been agreed upon, but Wheeler claimed dry leaders are almost of the unanimous opinion that the law should be pulled up here and there and made more drastic.

The effect of the recent beer ruling of former Attorney General Palmer is being watched closely by the Anti-Saloon league officials.

One of the provisions of the supplemental bill probably will be a clause to contract it, in case it is found large quantities of beer are being smuggled into the country.

Wheeler expressed the opinion that the ruling would make the enforcement of the law a little easier.

A conference of dry leaders and prohibitionists in congress will be held here shortly after the opening of the new session, to discuss the proposed additions to the law, after which they will be submitted to the new congressional committee on the prohibition statute.

One probably will deal with the increased sale of patent medicines, hair tonics and other preparations containing alcohol.

The dry leaders believe that too much medicine is being used for "the cure of the war," and another feeling considered would place greater restrictions on physicians who regularly prescribe liquors as medicine. Some changes in the enforcement of the law are being considered, but have not taken definite form.

## Faculty Adds to Requirements for U. of O. Entrance

University of Oregon, Eugene, March 12.—The question of the general raising of the university standard of scholarship was decided at a faculty meeting this week to require 10 entrance units in English, mathematics, language, history and science, instead of the nine units formerly required. The other five units of the 15 necessary are to be chosen from the high school course.

It was also decided that the Portland medical school may grant the degree of bachelor of science to a student who has taken no work on the university campus and who has taken his preparatory work at some other institution.

"Anything," the high school course is to be investigated to determine whether it is new ruling.

A new ruling was made that students who cannot be graduated, Wallace said, of the total population, Wallace pointed out, in emphasizing that unless the producers are able to work out of the "valley of discouragement" and financial stress through which they are now passing, their distress will be communicated to all other elements.

FARM PRICES AFFECT ALL  
"Anything," he said, "which seriously will bring trouble to the people who are engaged in the business of the farmer."

Wallace gave figures to show that the farmer now must pay from \$6 to 150 per cent above the pre-war normal for everything he has to buy, but is being forced to sell his bumper crops at levels lower than the pre-war normal.

The who cannot be graduated, Wallace declared, by the cotton farmer of the South, the stock raiser of the West and the grain and cereal producer in the Central West and West.

"I doubt," said Wallace, "whether the people of the East realize just what has happened to the farmer."

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## DIG POKERS WOULD LEAVE QUARRY FIELD

Plants Accept Arbitration with a String Attached, Which Would Exclude Hours and Wage Cuts.

Union Officials State Government Must Obtain Definite Settlement in Week, on Pain of Strike

By J. L. O'Sullivan  
Universal Service Staff Correspondent  
Chicago, March 12.—Both packers and their employees tonight accepted the offer of Secretary of Labor Davis to arbitrate disputes over wages and working conditions with strings attached to the acceptance.

Following an all-day conference among the leading packers' representatives, Armour & Co. tonight sent a message in reply to Davis' appeal that the difficulties be arbitrated, saying:

"Will be glad to follow your suggestion."

Armour & Co. was acting for the other packers, it was unofficially announced.

UNIONS ACCEPT PLAN  
At the same time, Dennis Lane, secretary-treasurer of the leading union organization of packing plant employees, a message to Davis, in which he said:

"It has always been the policy of our organization to cooperate with all government agencies, and we have information of your services to work out a solution of the present situation."

Lane told Davis in his message that "we note that you specify a date for conference and we have information that the packers contemplate taking advantage of that fact."

Lane said the union would arrange to select representatives to attend the conference as soon as Davis sets the date. He suggested the conference be held in Washington on March 18.

Lane was in touch with Davis by telephone before sending the wire and outlined the general situation to the secretary of labor.

MASS MEETING CALLED  
Union leaders have arranged mass meetings of organized packing plant employees in all leading packing centers of the country tomorrow.

Union officials declared that the government would have to make some definite arrangements for settlement of the difficulties by a week from tonight or a strike was certain.

The packers, in making public the Armour telegram to the secretary of labor, said they would state in the future in "following the suggestion" to arbitrate.

He argues that the justice and necessity of wage cuts will not be an issue in the arbitration proceedings," the statement said.

Lane's insistence on a return to normal and its refusal to pay war prices in peace time has caused the price of products to drop to what are practically starvation levels. This has forced the price of livestock to a point which threatens the very existence of the livestock industry.

The packers declared, except through the abolishment of the eight-hour day and cut in wages, "the possibility of industrial difficulties that might close our plants would stare us in the face."

The cut in wages and the new hourly working basis will go into effect in practically all packing plants of the nation on Monday.

## LOCAL MEAT CUTTERS TO RESIST WAGE REDUCTION

The Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union will resist a reduction of the wage scale and the return to the 10-hour working day, according to Thomas Pike, secretary of the local union No. 656, at Kenton.

Pike alleges that the "Big Five," the Cudahy, Swift, Morris, Wilson and Armour companies, have violated an agreement made with the secretary of labor in 1919. The agreement signed at that time was to continue the scale of pay and hours then in vogue, until one year after peace had officially been declared.

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The reduction will affect approximately 600 workers, he stated.

## Income Tax Must Be in by Tuesday; Office Open Nights

Tuesday marks the end of the official period for the filing of the income tax returns, giving the consent of Wallace to the closing of the office of Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue in the county house, will be open evening to accommodate the rush.

In addition to the closing of the time for filing of statements the first quarterly payment will be due. The office of the collector has been blocked for the past three days and the remaining two days are looked forward to as a record.

\$5,000 returns will be in by the closing hour Tuesday night.

## 'Panhandle' of Idaho Can Now Withdraw

Boise, Idaho, March 12.—(U. P.)—Governor D. W. Davis tonight signed a joint resolution giving the consent of the Idaho legislature to the withdrawal of the 10 northern or "panhandle" counties, and authorizing the appointment of a legislative committee to confer with a like committee from the state of Washington for the purpose of devising the proper steps to take for the formation of a new state.

## Sea Tragedy Is Suggested By Derelict

Schooner Reported Seen With Her Decks Awash Is Believed to Be Missing Harvester.

San Francisco, March 12.—(U. P.)—A derelict schooner, believed to be the schooner Harvester, was reported as drifting in the path of navigation off San Pedro today by the steamer West Carmak, en route from Antwerp to San Francisco.

The derelict was described as floating with decks awash and appeared to be about 100 feet in length.

The Harvester now is 60 days overdue at San Francisco from a trading trip to the South sea.

The fate of the master and crew of the vessel is unknown, shipping men fearing that they have been swallowed up by the seas.

## McArthur Seriously Ill With La Grippe

Washington, March 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Congressman McArthur is seriously but not dangerously ill from grip and tonsillitis. His temperature has reached 102 at times in the last two days. His doctor considers the case progressing favorably.

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## WILLIAMS IS NOT OUT FOR FEDERAL JOB

Oregon Man Would Not Accept Assistant Postmaster Generalship if It Were Offered Him.

George E. Chamberlain Is Sure for Shipping Board, President Harding Tells Committeeman.

Ralph E. Williams, Republican national committeeman from Oregon, who returned home from Washington, D. C. last night, will not accept appointment as assistant postmaster general, which Washington dispatches say is to be offered him.

"I feel very grateful for the suggestion which has come from Postmaster General Hays, but under no conditions could I accept the appointment were it to be formally offered to me."

Mr. Williams said last night, and he explained his position by the additional statement that the pressure of his private affairs and the loss to his business which would naturally follow a four-year absence from Oregon made his acceptance of a post in the postoffice department impossible of consideration.

CHAMBERLAIN'S FUTURE  
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## MAYFLOWER RELIC SECURED

AT THE instance of Samuel Hill, a section of timber of the historic craft Mayflower will be a part of the peace portal on the international boundary at Blaine, Wash. The photograph (from Weekly London Times) shows box containing relic being removed from barn in Buckinghamshire, England. Carrying the box (at the left) is Frank Terrace of Orilla, Wash. Immediately behind the girls, on the left, is Samuel Hill.



## MAYFLOWER RELIC FOR NORTHWEST

Samuel Hill Secures Timber From Historic Craft for Blaine Peace Portal.

Added interest is given to the peace portal which has been erected on the Canadian boundary near Blaine, Wash., by the Pacific highway association and which it is expected to formally dedicate this summer, by the incorporation in the arch of a piece of oak timber which was taken from the ship Mayflower, regarded by some as the cradle of American civilization.

The relic is now being brought to the United States by Samuel Hill, president of the Pacific Highway association, who went abroad several months ago for the purpose.

TEMBERS ARE LOCATED  
The fate of the hull of the old vessel that brought the Pilgrim Fathers to America in 1620 long has been shrouded in mystery. Not long since the British Society of Friends (Quakers) purchased the Jordan farm in Buckinghamshire, which at one time had been the home of the Mayflower.

On this farm were found some oak timbers which were identified as having once been a part of the hull of the Mayflower.

The discovery was printed in English newspapers, and in due course of time one of these newspapers fell into the hands of Mr. Hill, who communicated the fact to Samuel Hill, with whom he had been long associated in good roads development.

Mr. Hill at once conceived the idea that it would be a splendid thing to secure a piece of the wood and place it in a single day. The curve shows when the students rose for breakfast and how long they studied in the evening. It records the periods of the day when the students were changing classes as well as the beginning and ending of all meetings held in the school.

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## TELEPHONE RATE DECISION ROILS

Appeal to Circuit Court and Application for Rehearing Are Under Consideration.

A movement, nebulous at present, but which may take definite and positive form within the coming week, seeking to reopen the telephone rate case before the public service commission on rehearing, is being considered by a group of business and professional men of Portland.

Former City Attorney W. P. La Roche, who represented the city of Portland in opposition to the plea of the company for increased tariffs, is in communication with attorneys representing various municipalities and other interests throughout the state, and it is possible that a combination of