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OREGON: Tonight and Thursday rain; strong southerly winds.
LOCAL: Rainfall, 1.29; southerly winds; raining; maximum 52, minimum 39, set 52; river 4.2 feet and rising.

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Testimony Is Completed In Hamon Case

Judge Preparing Charges to Jury; Arguments Begin

Conviction Means Death Sentence, Prison Term or Minimum Fine of \$1.00; Threats Made Against Principals and Attorneys Involved; Refuses to Eliminate Arguments
Ardmore, Okla., March 16.—Introduction of testimony in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon for the alleged murder of Colonel Jake L. Hamon, republican national committee man from Oklahoma and millionaire oil and railroad man, ended at 10:23 o'clock this morning and court was recessed until 3 p. m., to permit Judge Thomas W. Champion to prepare his introductions to the jury.
Each side was allotted five hours for arguments, and it was said that if the court had prepared his charge by the time court reconvenes they will be gotten under way immediately.

Latest Photograph of Mrs. Hamon and Child



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Hamon's Letters Are Admitted As Evidence In Case

Ardmore, Okla., Mar. 16.—Judge Champion in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, on trial charged with the murder of Colonel Jake L. Hamon today ruled in admissible as evidence a number of letters Hamon had written to the defendant. The defense had an exception noted and formally rested. The state began presentation of its rebuttal testimony by introducing Sam Blair, a newspaper man, who obtained an interview with Clara Hamon at Chihuahua City, Mexico.
Chained Will Hidden.
He said he saw Clara Hamon first on the night of December 18, 1920, and saw her twice later. Asked regarding any statement the defendant may have made regarding a will left by Hamon, Blair testified Clara said she believed there was a will and that it was being kept hidden until after she could be tried.
S. P. Freeling, state attorney general in charge of the prosecution, offered as part of the trial record a copy of a newspaper containing Blair's report. The defense objected and was sustained.
Erwin C. Daniels, a Denison, Texas, chauffeur said he had driven Clara Hamon from Denison to Dallas and that on the trip he had seen a pistol in the defendant's handbag.

The court will charge the jury on three points: murder, which, upon conviction, would carry a sentence of death or life imprisonment; first degree manslaughter, the sentence for which upon conviction, would be from four years to life imprisonment; and second degree manslaughter, with a minimum fine of \$1.00.
Attorney General Freeling, in charge of the prosecution, said that H. H. Brown, special prosecutor, would make the opening argument and that he would close for the state.
Threats Are Heard.
There were numerous reports about the county building this morning of threats made against state counsel and jurors should a verdict of guilty be returned against Clara Hamon. Sheriff Buck Garrett said, however, that no such reports had reached him with one exception, that of a letter written to a member of the defense counsel in which a warning was given of possible violence to the defendant should she be acquitted.
H. H. Brown, special prosecutor, said threats had been made against him but that he would not go into detail.
Death Penalty Not Asked.
W. P. McLean of Fort Worth, Texas, said that the defense had submitted a proposal to the state counsel to permit the case to go to the jury without arguments immediately after the judge reads his charge but that the state had declined.
Attorney General Freeling pointed out that in his opening statement he had not referred to a death penalty should Clara Hamon be found guilty, and said he would ask a penalty which the jurors "in their judgment find fit." He said he would not change from that in his argument.

Seen In The Crimelight

Kansas City, Mo., Mar. 16.—Denzel Chester was arraigned today in the criminal court here on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the killing of Miss Florence Barton, society girl, who was shot to death on a country road last fall while motoring with her fiance.

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Selection Of Harvey Approved

London, Mar. 16.—The British government today gave formal approval to the appointment of Col. George Harvey as United States ambassador to Great Britain to succeed John W. Davis.
Mexican Military Draft.
Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico, Mar. 16.—The military authorities of this zone have been informed that obligatory military service will be enforced in Mexico. This move is said to have the sanction of Generals Obregon, Calles and Estrada.

Inhumanity And Neglect Charged To Lane Officers

Charging inhumanity to those Lane county officials responsible for his alleged maltreatment during his 42 days as a prisoner in the county jail at Eugene, Ed Crawford of Portland yesterday appeared before Judge Uruh in the justice court and asked if there was some fund from which he might borrow money with which to return to his home.
Crawford said that when he first was incarcerated in the Eugene jail charged with adultery—a charge which was later withdrawn—he had in his possession \$157. After buying his own meals and paying doctor bills necessarily incurred, he left the battle, he says, with 46 cents.
After learning that there is no fund here from which he might be helped, Crawford refused to seek assistance from the Salvation Army or the Red Cross.
Charity Is Refused.
"I am not asking charity," he said. "I have not yet recovered from my illness, and I can't walk to Portland. All I wish to do is to borrow enough money to get home. And when I again get on my feet I intend to show up the Lane county officials."
According to Judge Uruh, here are a few of Crawford's allegations: That he was a victim of circumstances and, after 42 days in jail, was released by the district attorney because of an insufficiency of evidence.
That he was seriously ill while in the Eugene jail, and that the only medical treatment he was allowed was paid for by himself.
One Meal Daily, Allowed.
That he was given but one meal a day.
That specially prepared food, made necessary by his illness, was paid for by himself.
Mr. Crawford said that local doctors informed him he should now be undergoing treatment. This he says he cannot now afford because...

Aid of Denby Is Asked for Arrested Lad

Telegrams exhaustively dealing with the case of David R. Morton, alleged deserter from the United States navy, who was today taken to Bremerton for trial by Chief of Police Moffitt, were last night sent both to Edwin Denby, secretary of the navy, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, in which they are asked to assist the accused youth in every way possible.
Morton was arrested Sunday night on his recently purchased 20-acre farm near Marion. He immediately admitted his guilt and appeared to be glad he had been apprehended. Morton was married about one month ago to Miss Grace George, formerly a Marion school teacher. Morton's father and brother are both Baptist ministers of Texas.
Egg Weighs Five Ounces.
Boston, Mar. 16.—Sergeant Amesta Augusta, of the Mattapan police station, is a proud officer. On going to his hen coops recently he discovered the Betteguese of all eggs. It weighed a fraction under five ounces, which the sergeant says is a record. A Rhode Island bird produced this large egg.

Strike Ballot Starts

House Employees Voting On Proposal to Resist Wage Cut
Salem, March 16.—Representatives of ten national unions today plan to announce their support to the Maritime Order of Meat Canners and Butcher Workers of America in case of a strike.

Huns Given Seven Days To Pay Debt

Paris, Mar. 16.—The allied reparations commission, in its note to Germany demanding fulfillment of article 235 of the peace treaty, notified the German government it must pay one billion gold marks before March 23. It was announced today.
The money must be deposited in the Bank of France, Bank of England or the federal reserve bank in the United States, Germany was told.

Legislation Priority Is Big Issue

Harding To Confer With Leaders In Congress On Tariff and Tax Revision
Washington, Mar. 16.—Priority for tariff or internal tax revision legislation at the special session of congress still was an open question today and probably will be the subject of conferences to be held within the next few days by President Harding with congressional leaders.
Prospective fiscal legislation was discussed by Mr. Harding yesterday with Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee, and Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee.
The two chairmen laid before the president the results of the preceding day's meeting of the republican members of their committees with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.
The definite results of the White House conference were said by the chairmen to have been the obtaining of presidential approval for the proposal to enact as soon as possible after convening of the special session April 11 of anti-dumping and American valuation of imports legislation.
Both Senator Penrose and Representative Fordney expect to confer with Mr. Harding before the end of the week and in the meantime the president is expected to call in other members of the two committees to receive views as to whether tariff or tax revision should be given precedence. The majority of the two committees are known to favor taking up the tariff first.

Camouflage Used To Induce Hen To Mother Chick

Mulberry, Kan., Mar. 16.—Mrs. George Brown, a chicken fancier, resorted to camouflage successfully when one of her hens refused to adopt an incubator chick. The hen pecked little one, a fluffy white ball was treated to a coat of black shoe polish and the foster mother then received it cordially.

Espee Reduces Wages In South

New Orleans, La., Mar. 16.—Announcement was made here today that a reduction of wages of unskilled employes and clerical and station workers and a return to the existing condition of December 31, 1921, by the Southern Pacific lines in Louisiana and Texas.
Conferences with employes to discuss the reductions were arranged as required by the transportation act.
The A. Rupert company, which operates a string of canneries throughout the Willamette valley, has gone into the hands of a receiver. The assets are \$1,950,000 and the liabilities \$1,248,000.

Extension of Occupied Zone

Salem, March 16.—Newspapers have arrived here from the occupied area and believe that their coming may mean the occupation of the Ruhr, four miles from Essen.

Thieves Rob Bank Of Every Dollar; \$20,000 Is Loot

Uniontown, Kan., March 16.—The State Bank at Uniontown was robbed early today of virtually every dollar of cash and securities. The robbers gathered the loot into bags and escaped northward in a motor car. Officials of the bank said the loss probably would amount to about \$20,000.

Insured Youth's Double Murdered; Mother, Son Held

Warsaw, Ind., March 16.—Developments at a coroner's inquest last night and investigations by detectives in the case of the youth found fatally injured on a railroad crossing near here Saturday, resulted in the arrests of Mrs. Lydia Decker, and her son, Virgil. The body was identified as that of LeRoy Lovett of Elkhart, Ind., and a verdict that Lovett had been murdered by an unknown person was returned.
Mrs. Decker's arrest followed her repudiation of her identification of the body, which she and others of her family had maintained was that of Lovett, whom she said she knew well. The two youths were called doubles because of their physical likeness.
Virgil Decker was arrested in Marion, Ind., last night.
Virgil Decker was known to have been insured for \$19,000, some of the policies containing clauses providing for double indemnity in event of accidental death, bringing the policies to \$34,000 payable to his brother Fred.
Investigation indicated that Lovett was murdered and his body placed on the track to cover up the crime.
Youth Denies Guilt.
Marion, Ind., Mar. 16.—Virgil Decker, held here in connection with the Warsaw death mystery, today implicated another man, according to Sheriff Fowler. The man's identity, however, was not disclosed.
Decker, the sheriff said, told of hiring an automobile with Lovett and the third person and going to Fred Decker's farm near Atwood. They then went to a summer cabin on the Tippecanoe river, near the farm, he is alleged to have said.
After more than an hour of questioning Sheriff Fowler said he had obtained little information from Decker, who appeared evasive and gave confusing answers.
"It appears that some one is trying to accuse me of taking some body out and killing him," said Decker. "I would not do anything like that."

Portland Woman Who Knew Twain Called by Death

Portland, Or., Mar. 16.—Mrs. Nina Larowe, who was in the party with Mark Twain on the tour on which he wrote "Innocents Abroad," is dead here today after an illness of four weeks. For 16 years she was a dancing teacher here and before that was on the stage in New York and New England as Miss Helen Temple. As a girl she crossed the plains with an immigrant train and located with her parents at Nevada City. In Nevada she was married to a lawyer named Larowe.
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Refusing an offer which would better him considerably in a financial way and connect him with the athletic department of one of the largest colleges on the Pacific coast, Coach R. L. Mathews, for the past six years director of athletics at Willamette university, today declined an offer to become varsity baseball coach and director of freshman football at the University of Washington.
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Much road work has begun in the Medford section and, weather permitting, large crews will be at work on the Pacific highway and tributary roads within a short time.

Four Are Held For Swindle

Portland, Or., Mar. 16.—Four indictments, charging misappropriation of a total of \$255,000, were served today on persons figuring in the collapse of the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc. Those accused by the grand jury were: John L. Etheridge, former president of the wrecked bond house.
Mrs. Stella Etheridge, his wife.
Fred S. Morris, founder of the concern.
Forbes E. Pratt, secretary.
All the charges read "larceny by embezzlement."
Etheridge is implicated in each of the four indictments, Morris is named in two of them, and Mrs. Etheridge and Pratt in one each.
One indictment charges Etheridge and Morris with embezzlement of \$100,000 which was placed on deposit at a Forest Grove, Or., bank and immediately turned over to Morris indirectly by means of payment to Miss Henrietta Morris, sister of Fred Morris.
Etheridge, Morris and Pratt were indicted in a second true bill charging they engineered a deal whereby \$25,000 in stock of the Rogue River Water company, the property of Morris Brothers, Inc., was turned over to Miss Morris in February 1919 for \$1.
A third indictment against Etheridge concerns alleged duplication of assets.
Etheridge and Mrs. Etheridge were accused of embezzlement of an additional \$100,000 in bonds. These bonds, the grand jury asserts, Etheridge took from the assets of the firm, placing \$25,000 of them in a safety deposit box here and \$75,000 in a box at Tacoma.

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Wage Scale of Four L Workers Will Stand

Portland, Or., Mar. 16.—There will be no change in the present minimum basic wage of \$2.60 a day of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, according to a resolution adopted by the board of directors who have been in session here two days. The board which consists of one employer and one employe from each of the twelve districts in the northwest discussed the lumber situation in an effort to bring the industry back to normal basis.
On charges of violation of rules, in that they paid employes less than the minimum wage prescribed by the legion, the Sidalgo Lumber & Box company of Anacortes, Wash., and the DeLancey Lumber company of Tacoma were expelled from membership in the organization. It was announced. Delegates announced that they had made efforts to restore contract scales in both plants, but without avail, and the penalty therefore was inflicted.
Henry George Depe, sixty-two, father of two grown-up daughters, will save the good name of his family—so he says—by wedding a French matron beloved by his son, and whose home his son disrupted.

Rehearsal Held By Salem Band Outlook Bright

This is WIMAC.
Portland, Or., Mar. 16.—Ted Thy's claim of the middleweight wrestling title of the world, made short work of Ralph Grant of Pullman, Wash. here last night when he won his match in two straight falls.
The Salem band held its first rehearsal of the year in the city hall last night under the leadership of George A. Steinhilber, director.
"I hope the band will be better than ever," Mr. Steinhilber said after the rehearsal.
"Along with our veteran players we have a number of new members who are very capable."
Rehearsals will be held regularly in the future. The first concert will be held in Wilson park some time in June, Mr. Steinhilber stated.