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MISS SMITH SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF

Alleged Slayer of Jake Hamon, Broken in Health and Spirit, Ready to Face Trial in Oklahoma—Flight to Chihuahua Is Described—Hamon's Will Leaves Woman Fourth of Property.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 22.—Clara Barton Smith left El Paso at 6 o'clock this morning bound for Ardmore by way of Fort Worth. She was accompanied by her lawyers and Sheriff Garrett.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 22.—(By Associated Press.) Clara Barton Smith slept under her parents' roof last night. Ending a search by Oklahoma officers which began November 22, Miss Smith came to Juarez, opposite here, last night, surrendered to Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore, Okla., and was taken to the home of her father, J. L. Smith, in El Paso, where she spent the night.

Monday, if her condition permitted, she was to be taken aboard a train for Ardmore to plead to a murder charge in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon in that city November 26.

Miss Smith's father supplied the only information given out regarding the woman's flight from Juarez to Chihuahua City.

A Friend From God
A man she met on the train from Juarez to Chihuahua must have been Heaven-sent, he said. She had never seen him before. They did not even talk the same language. He approached her, knowing she was in trouble and volunteered to shield her. And Clara reposed her trust in him. He guarded her as carefully as the she was her own child. I believe that's a miracle. I believe God guided that friend to her in her hour of need.

The "friend" was a Chihuahua official, the father said, who took Clara to his home and his wife became Clara's companion. The official pooled his estate with private detectives to keep her safe and not even her own brother "Jimmy" 19, could approach until he had thoroughly established his identity.

Health Is Broken
"Clara is broken in health," the father said. "Her mother and I can notice it. Gone is her vivacity, her quick, little movements and ready laughter. The ordeal is not over yet. I hope God gives her strength to endure all that is yet to come."

The sympathy of the people of Carter county (Oklahoma) is with Miss Smith, Sheriff Garrett said. Hamon was shot in an Ardmore hotel and before his death gave out a statement saying the shooting was accidental and relieving Miss Smith of all blame. The county attorney, however, swore out a warrant which later was changed to murder and another containing a statutory charge.

Miss Smith was Hamon's secretary. ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 22.—James H. Mathers, attorney for Clara Barton Smith, declared here today he has "understood all the time" that there is a will of the late Jake L. Hamon, republican national committee man in existence and that "Clara Smith is left one-fourth of the estate."

KOREANS CHARGE JAP ATROCITIES IN KOREA, WORSE THAN IN BELGIUM
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A statement charging Japanese military authorities with deeds more "frightful and barbarous" than anything ever alleged to have occurred in Belgium during the war was issued here today by the Korean commission, based, the commission said, on authentic reports received by it from Manchuria. The Japanese punitive expedition sent to the Hunchun district following the clash last November between Japanese troops and Korean insurgents was alleged to have burned 32 villages, "killed all the male inhabitants of the district" and "massacred 145 peaceful inhabitants," one one town, where one house was burned.

HOLY OFFICE ISSUES DECREE OF WARNING AGAINST THE Y. M. C. A.

ROME, Dec. 22.—The holy office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, is stills indifferentism and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents." The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian association by name saying it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths. Clauses of the canon law which forbid papers, periodicals and organizations favoring religious radicalism and indifference are recalled in the decree, which requests the bishops to communicate with the holy see within six months the decisions taken on the subject at regional congresses.

PILGRIM FATHERS' THIRST FOR WATER CAUSE OF DISEASE

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—"Much drinking of water" was considered by Governor William Bradford of Plymouth a contributory cause of the ravages of disease and the shortness of life that afflicted the Pilgrims in the early days. Horace H. Morse, head of the historical department at Mount Hermon school, told the Bostonian society at a meeting last night. He quoted largely from the diary of Governor Bradford. The speaker also pointed out as a fact of curious historic interest that Pastor John Robinson who led the Pilgrims into Holland but did not accompany them to New England had taxes remitted on one-half a case of beer a month and one hoghead of wine every three months because he held a professorship in the University of Leyden.

WILL OPERATE ON SEN. CHAMBERLAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Physicians attending Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who has been ill in a hospital here since early in the week, decided late today that an operation would be necessary. The operation will be performed, it was said, either tomorrow or Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The condition of Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon remained unchanged today. It was said at the emergency hospital. There is nothing alarming about his illness, but it was admitted that an operation might be necessary to give him permanent relief.

The Oregon senator is suffering from prostatic trouble, which was one of the most severe complications of the president's illness.

Benjamin Wins Bout
PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Joe Benjamin, Portland lightweight won a ten round decision over Harry Schuman of Denver here last night. Benjamin floored the Denver fighter twice in the second round but the latter by a great rally managed to stick out the round.

COAL BARON IS NAMED AS ONE OF PROFITEERS

Col. D. W. Wentz, President of National Coal Association, Made \$75,000 on Deal With War Department, Charges Senator, Calder of N. Y.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Disclosures regarding high coal prices and profiteering made before the senate committee investigating the coal situation caused general debate today in the senate. Senator Calder, republican of New York, chairman of the committee, brought up the subject. "Our committee," said the senator, "dressing from a prepared address, has found that more coal was moved on American railroads during May, August and September than ever before in the history of the country, and at the same time a panic over shortage was created. During this period we have found that the war department sent out agents to buy coal at any price and that one agent alone secured a commission of \$75,000 for his services. "Who was that agent?" asked Senator Pomeroy, democrat of Ohio. "Colonel D. W. Wentz, president of the National Coal Association," Senator Calder replied. "And are the newspaper reports correct that this agent bought this coal for the government at approximately \$11 a ton, while he was selling coal he had mined himself for \$3.50 to others?" Senator Pomeroy asked.

"That is substantially correct," Senator Calder answered. "Though the witness told us he did not sell his own coal to the government." Wentz is defended.

"Can the committee reconcile that course of conduct with any standards of common honesty?" asked the Ohio senator. "The facts should be referred to the department of justice, or to the war department for court martial proceedings if the man is in military service."

"You are setting too hard a task for our committee. If you ask it to reconcile the conduct of some coal operators with standards of common honesty," interjected Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa. "In fairness to Colonel Wentz," said Senator Edge, republican of New Jersey, "I want to say that he testified that when the war department or the secretary of war came to him with this order, he advised them not to go into the markets and buy. We have several points to follow up in the matter."

DEAF MUTES ROB CHRISTMAS TREE

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—New currency displayed on two illuminated Christmas trees in windows of the First National bank at the most prominent business corner of the city, attracted thieves just before daybreak today. They hurried stores thru the windows and gathered up the bills indifferent to the burglar alarm loudly clanging over their heads. Police hurried to the scene and arrested the two men with their pockets bulging with the new bank notes. Both are deaf mutes.

BAPTISTS URGE HARDING TO ACCEPT A LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Hope for the consummation of such an association of nations as shall best promote peace on earth and good will among men was expressed in a letter to President-elect Warren G. Harding from the board of managers of the Baptist foreign mission society, made public today. The letter greeted Senator Harding as the "first Baptist to be elected president" and contained pledges of support and co-operation.

PITTSBURG TO KEEP UP FOOTBALL THRU YEAR

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—A plan has been evolved at Carnegie Tech. to keep the football squad organized the year around and thus help its efficiency. The plan is to hold meetings at regular intervals thruout the year. According to one of the men the new plan is to have the Tech. football team "think football every day of the year."

CROWDED AUTO STAGE CRASHES THRU BRIDGE 3 KILLED, 3 INJURED

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 22.—Three men are dead and three are in the hospital following an accident in which an automobile stage went into the Hamptulps river on a bridge 20 miles north of here today. The dead: John Martin, 55, donkey engineer; Matt Kennedy, 35, logger, and an unidentified man about 27 years old. The injured: John L. Cosgrove, owner and driver of the stage, both hands badly crushed and other injuries as yet undetermined; John P. Donahue, leg broken; Walter Blue, arm broken. At a sharp turn leading to a bridge over the Hamptulps river the automobile skidded, went thru the bridge railing and fell fifty feet into shallow water. The three dead were killed instantly. The stage was bringing passengers from the Polson logging camps to spend the Christmas season here.

CONVICT WALTERS OFFICER'S MURDER

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Husted A. Walters was convicted of murder in the first degree today for the killing of Patrolman Jerome Palmer. Walters, who was a deserter from Camp Lewis, killed Palmer the night of November 17, when the officer attempted to question Walters and John Tillman in connection with hold ups here. Tillman, who also deserted from Camp Lewis, was turned over to the juvenile court and was sentenced to the reformatory, being only 17 years old. The jury's verdict carries the death penalty. Sentence will be imposed next Tuesday. Walters is the first man to face the death penalty in Multnomah county since capital punishment was restored.

OHIO STATE PRACTICES PALO ALTO GRIDIRON

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The Ohio state football squad in California to play the University of California squad in the annual New Year's day tournament of roses east-west gridiron spectacle at Pasadena, worked out today on the Stanford gridiron at Palo Alto, thirty miles south of here. It was the first extended workout undergone by the western conference champions and Coach Jack Wilson planned a long practice in order to iron out the kinks developed in the trans-continental journey. Meanwhile the California team, Pacific coast conference champions, went at their practice with renewed vigor as the result yesterday of their first sight of their prospective opponents.

WHITE SLAYER, NIGHT POLICEMAN, LYNCHED BY FORT WORTH MOB

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 22.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Monday night of Patrolman Jeff C. Couch, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged. Several shots were fired into his body. Twenty-five masked men entered the jail and overpowered the jailer and his assistants. Opening Vickery's cell, the mob removed the prisoner, clad only in night clothes, to a grove. Vickery was 30 years old and a chauffeur. Policeman Couch answered a call from a garage Monday night to arrest an alleged intoxicated man. The officer was shot when he arrived at the garage. Vickery was arrested.

GOV'T TROOPS BEST POET IN FIRST ACTION

London Reports Italian Regulators Foil d'Annunzio's Effort to Seize Islands—Poet's Legionnaires Flee—Fiume Is Isolated.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Military operations have been begun by Italian government troops against troops in and around Fiume commanded by Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, who refuses to evacuate the city and permit Italy to put into operation the provisions of the treaty of Rapallo. Dispatches received here state that military works along the line marking the frontier of the "regency of Quarnero" have been raided and an Italian destroyer is said to have shelled d'Annunzio batteries on the island of Veglia, southwest of Fiume. An attempt on the part of d'Annunzio to seize control of the Montenegro canal running down the Dalmatian coast behind a screen of low islands, had been foiled. Men dispatched to Castel Venier, northeast of Zara, a point which commands the southern entrance of the canal, were forced to retreat, some of them being captured and others disarmed. d'Annunzio legionnaires, who have been acting as guerrillas at Zara are said to have fled from that city. It is asserted that d'Annunzio planned to abandon Fiume and to land somewhere along the Dalmatian coast, where he would raise the banner of revolt, hoping to create a situation which would nullify the treaty of Rapallo. His scheme, however, is said to have been frustrated by government troops which have prevented the departure from the city of vessels loaded with legionnaires.

MONROE DOCTRINE UPHELD IN SPEECH WELCOMING COLBY

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 22.—Senator Alfredo Ellis in his address of welcome to Ambassador Colby, United States secretary of state when the latter visited the senate this morning, made special mention of the Monroe doctrine.

"To your great nation as the older brother of seventeen republics of the new world was reserved the hard task of watching over the liberty and safety of the whole family," Senator Ellis said. "That program was designed and known throughout the world as the Monroe doctrine. Even now, faithful to the old doctrine, the American people continue to maintain it instead of accepting the rules and statutes of the league of the American nations."

"Many think that the Monroe doctrine means the whole continent is to be considered as a single country for the Americans on account of their power and preponderance over their weaker brothers. Luckily, your great president, Mr. Wilson, speaking to the Mexican people defined recently and clearly the spirit and true significance of the doctrine—it is a doctrine of defense."

"The doctrine was a compromise to express to the Brazilian people the feelings of esteem and abiding friendship of the North American people for them. It is a doctrine of liberty throughout the new world. No man of sound mind can imagine that Washington's sword should be used as an instrument to plant the seed of oppression over all America instead of that of liberty in both continents."

Responding to the hearty expressions of deep appreciation of the reception given him by the senate and the utterances of Senator Ellis, he reiterated that the purpose of his visit was to reply that of President Pessoa to the United States. Mr. Colby said President Pessoa left a lasting impression in the minds and hearts of the North American people and that President Wilson had charged him to express to the Brazilian people the feelings of esteem and abiding friendship of the North American people for them.

A RAINY CHRISTMAS DAY IS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Generally fair weather Christmas day except for snow around the Great Lakes and in the northern Rockies and rain on the Pacific coast is promised by the weather man. Zero temperatures will prevail in the northern part of the district between the Big River and the Rocky mountains, the forecaster said today. A storm is bearing down on the Pacific states and will cause rain all along that coast, except in southern California.

'KNOCKOUT KRUVOSKY' TESTIFIES ADVANCES CAME FROM VICTIMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Edward (Knockout) Kravosky, pugilist and alleged criminal gangster offered testimony in his own behalf today to break down a charge of having criminally assaulted Miss Jessie Montgomery of Reno, Nev., for which he is being tried here. Kravosky, while admitting his presence in the house in which the attack took place, offered to show that he had no definite knowledge of the occurrence. Kravosky said Miss Montgomery was a willing party to all that transpired in the Howard street shack, where, it is alleged the assault took place. He denied her that were not requested by the girl herself. Kravosky said he left the shack late in the night and when he returned to his room he was not there. He rested.

IRISH WOMAN TESTIFIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An attempt by British soldiers to tear down an American flag from her father's home in Queenstown, Ireland, which she was staying last August, was described today by Mrs. Michael Mohan, of Corora, Long Island, before the committee of the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland. Mrs. Mohan said she had just seen the flag as a protection against rain and that when a party of soldiers was at work at Queenstown, Ireland, which she had seen through the window of her home, she saw the flag and tried to climb up to the flag. The witness told the commission that when she reported the incident to American Consul McAndrews at Queenstown she was informed that the English hate Americans as much as they do Irish. She said that she had not been permitted to cable a report to America as the telegram would be censored.

BOSWELL MINE IS SOLD FOR \$150,000

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 22.—The sale of the Boswell mine to Tom Nordor and associates of Seattle, for a consideration of about \$150,000, has been announced. The mine is located in Josephine county, five miles southwest of Holland. This mine, which was discovered by B. Boswell and son in 1914, is one of the extremely rich propositions located in southern Oregon. From the present shaft, which is but 20 feet deep, \$46,000 in gold bullion has been taken. From 1914 until 1918 Boswell and son operated the mine alone. In 1918 the younger man was drafted into the army and sent to France, where he succumbed to disease. Since 1918 the mine has been idle but under close guard. It was the scene of a daring robbery in 1918 when two men secured \$500 in gold. The property consists of 104 acres of patented mining land.

NO PAPER CHRISTMAS

Following a long established custom there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune on Christmas day, Saturday, December 25th. The Sunday Sun will be issued as usual. All advertisements and special copy for the Sun must be in this office Friday before one p. m.

CEMENT OFFICIALS ARE FOUND GUILTY

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—R. P. Burchart, president, and Clark Moore, former sales manager, of the Oregon Portland Cement company, were found guilty on two counts of an indictment charging violation of the anti-trust laws by a jury in federal court here today. Thirty days was allowed the defense to prepare motion for new trial.

JOHN BULL REBUKED BY UNCLE SAM

British Embassy's Action in Sending Denial of Cable Censorship to Senator Kellogg Is Resented—Testimony of Newcomb Carlton Denied by Great Britain—Irish Incident Related.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(By The Associated Press)—The state department received today in what threatened to be a controversy between the British embassy and the senate committee investigating cable communications over the question whether there is a British censorship of cable messages to the United States, originating in the British Isles. The department's action was regarded as a rebuke to the embassy for sending direct to Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, a letter denying the testimony of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, the cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain were subject to delay and examination by the British naval intelligence authorities. The embassy's action is understood to be regarded by the department as a breach of diplomatic courtesy. The department will take the subject matter of the correspondence up directly with the embassy, but whether it will ask for an explanation of the action of the embassy in writing directly to the senator has not been indicated.

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI START WAR TO WIPE GEORGIA FROM THE MAP

TIFLIS, Dec. 21.—(By The Associated Press)—Russian bolshevik forces appear to be concentrating for a campaign which will eliminate the republic of Georgia from the map of the Caucasus region. Heavy soviet forces have been concentrated at Tiflis. Other bolshevik detachments are reported at Kazakh, while the tenth bolshevik army, which has been operating along the Armenian frontier, is said to have passed through Karakhas, moving inward into the Georgian republic. Independent Georgia has been tolerated by the