The Weather
Maximum yesterday 50
Minimum today 41

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Predictions
Probable rain.

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fiftieth Year.

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GIRL VAMPIRE BARES SECRET LIFE

CLARA SMITH HAMON DENIES SHE KILLED MARRIED LOVER, GUN WENT OFF IN STRUGGLE

Defendant in Sensational Murder Trial Takes Stand in Own Behalf—Paints Lurid Picture of Last Evening With Millionaire Oil Man—Hamon Beastly Drunk, Cursed and Beat Her, and in Bitter Struggle Gun Exploded—Tense Recital Often Punctured by Tears—Wanted Hamon to Live, Willing to Die Herself—Uproar Caused in Court Room.

ARDMORE, Okla., Mar. 15.—Clara Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Colonel Jake L. Hamon, took the witness stand in her trial here today and told her story of the incidents of the day and night of November 21 when Colonel Hamon was shot. She spoke dramatically in a cool, low pitched voice, hesitating only when she told that Colonel Hamon cursed her. She answered a few preliminary questions and then launched into her story of their last day together.

When she reached the point in her story of the actual shooting she left the witness stand, and taking the pistol with which Hamon was shot, in her hand, she illustrated how the shot was fired.

"I Didn't Do It."

"I didn't go to do it," she said. "The pistol went off when he struck it, or I pulled the trigger or something; I know not what."

The defendant's voice broke as she told that Colonel Hamon cursed her on the evening he was shot and tears came into her eyes. Her voice dropped low and she said "he was drunk and crazier than he ever had been in all the years I had known him."

After a few preliminary questions in which she said she was 29 years old, knew Colonel Hamon was married, and that he had educated her so she might work for him, she was asked to tell the jury how the shooting happened.

Breakfast at 11 A. M.

"We had breakfast about 11 o'clock," she said. "After breakfast Mr. Hamon left me; I presume he went to his office, he usually did on Sunday morning. I went back to my room, and in the afternoon about 2:30 or 3 o'clock, I don't remember, he came back to the room and we had a very pleasant conversation."

When the defendant tried to tell how Colonel Hamon after he was shot said, "I am hit," and had showed her the blood spot forming on his shirt, she broke down and sobbed into her handkerchief.

He laid down on his bed to rest. He only stayed a short time, perhaps less than an hour, three quarters of an hour, I would say, then he went back to the office, or he told me he was going back; said he had some friends waiting—or some politicians, somebody, I don't remember who. I was very busy cleaning up my room, reading newspapers and getting my clothes ready to go away to California for my trip, and I decided that I would like to have a little ride, so I got in my car and went for a ride; that was about six o'clock and I think I rode about an hour, perhaps a little more than an hour. It was about seven, dark enough for the street lights to be on when I came back. When I drove up in front of the hotel, Mr. Hamon was sitting in front of the hotel in a chair; between Mr. Hamon and the door of the hotel there was another chair.

"He immediately grabbed me as I passed and shoved me down in the chair and said he wanted to talk to me and used profane language.

"Don't Curse Me."

"I told him 'please don't curse here, don't make a scene. If you want to curse and be mean to me and abuse me, let's go to the room.' He continued to curse me and I noticed that the lights in the car were on and I said 'wait a minute, I want to turn the lights of my car off.' He turned me loose and I walked to the car and switched off the lights.

"When I passed by him and turned to get through the door he again grabbed me by the arm and jerked me down on a chair and again cursed. I said 'go to the room, Mr. Hamon, if you want to abuse me, there are some men standing there, you must not talk that way here in public,' so he got up and I went upstairs to my room.

Drunk and Crazy.

"I was afraid of Mr. Hamon, very afraid of him. I saw a look on his face that I had never seen before. He was drunker than I had ever seen him in all the years I had known him. He was drunk and crazy. I don't think the whiskey was good red whiskey, as Mr. Nichols said. He usually drank good whiskey and he wasn't usually crazy like that. He was crazier and drunker than he had ever been in all the years I had known him. When I got to my room the doors were locked between our rooms that is the bathroom door was locked. I rang for Bill, the porter. I thought I had better eat something. I hadn't had anything to eat all day. At breakfast I could not eat my breakfast. I seldom ever eat any breakfast and when Bill came and knocked on the door he came in with ice water and Mr. Hamon slipped in with him. I had to unlock the door for Bill. I was afraid of Mr. Hamon. I wanted to keep away from him for 24 more hours so I could go to California and wait for him to sober up and come to me looking the sweet, kind, lover he had been before. So he came in as Bill came. Bill poured the ice water in the pitcher. Mr. Hamon paced up and down, running his hands through his hair as he did when agitated and the minute Bill went out and the door was hardly closed when Mr. Hamon said with an epithet: 'Where have you been?' and grabbed me at the same time and choked me and he choked me until I was blind and I couldn't seem to think."

Choked and Hit Her.

"Now Miss Clara," interrupted W. P. McLean, of her counsel, "just a minute." "I will finish the story, Mr. McLean'" she said. "He choked me and hit me and somehow he threw me over on the bed by one of his licks and after he got me on the bed he beat me and slapped me and slapped me and hit me two or three times and took me by one foot and jerked me off the bed on my back and I have been operated on in the back and he kicked me and choked me and I struggled to get up and he choked me again and backed me up against the window and choked me again and and slapped me; and then he wasn't satisfied with that, and he twisted my fingers back and tried to break them and then he said 'I will cut your throat,' and he reached for his knife. The knife had fallen out of his pocket in the afternoon while he was laying on the bed and I picked it up and put it over on the table after he walked out of the room; then when he did not have the knife in his pocket he reached for the knife I had given him on a little gold chain and somehow, somewaw that knife wasn't there. He looked around and meantime he was choking and beating me very bad. I cannot remember all of it, it is too much for anybody to remember."

"Did he make any remarks to you?" McLean asked.

Hamon Gets Knife

"Well, I am getting to that, Mr.

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MUST PAY 20 BILLION BY MAY 1

Germany Called On by Allied Commission to Carry Out Article 235 of Versailles Treaty—Appeal by Germany to League of Nations Called Improper.

PARIS, Mar. 15.—Germany was called upon yesterday by the allied reparations commission to carry out article 235 of the Versailles treaty, which stipulates Germany must pay before May 1, 1921, the equivalent of twenty billion gold marks. The treaty provides that this payment may be made in gold, commodities, ships, securities or other valuables, and that out of this sum the expenses of the armies of occupation are first to be met.

The commission also took steps to carry out article 233 of the treaty, which provides that Germany must be notified before May 1 next the total amount of war damage imposed upon her by the treaty.

"If Germany persists in refusing to make payment," says the Petit Parisien in discussing the action of the commission, "she will force us to impose upon her the integral execution of the treaty. That was the significance of yesterday's meeting."

In discussing the protest made to the League of Nations by Germany against the penalties being enforced by the allies on Germany because of her refusal to carry out her reparation obligations, the Petit Parisien says:

"Germany is not qualified to demand arbitration from the league, as she is not a member of it."

Negotiations between France and Germany concerning the transfer of funds collected for the purpose of paying disability and old age insurance to residents of Alsace and Lorraine, have failed and France, it is declared, is prepared to ask that article 77 of the Versailles treaty be enforced. This article provides that the German government shall undertake to pay over to the French government a proportion of all reserves accumulated by the empire or by public or private bodies, dependent upon it for the purposes of disability and old age insurance.

DECIDE PACKERS STRIKE MARCH 21, BALLOTS MAILED

CHICAGO, Mar. 15.—Dennis Lane, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union, and another labor representative not selected, will represent the packing house workers at their conference in Washington, March 21, with representatives of the five leading packers and secretaries of the departments of labor, commerce and agriculture, it was announced today.

Strike ballots were being mailed out by union leaders today to the packing centers in the middle west, asking their members to vote upon the eight hour day question involved in the wage reductions and re-arrangement of hours which the packers placed in effect yesterday.

President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor is expected to arrive in Chicago late today. Conditions were reported normal in dispatches from the leading packing centers yesterday.

JOHNNY WILSON GETS $40,000 FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK, Mar. 15.—Johnny Wilson, middleweight boxing champion, will receive $40,000 for his 15-round decision bout here Thursday with Mike O'Dowd of St. Paul, the former title holder. Six years ago Wilson boxed ten rounds here with Knockout Sweeney, for which he received $11.25. O'Dowd's share of Thursday's bout will be $20,000.

Talaat Pasha, Former Grand Vizier Turkey, Murdered, Germany

TALAAT PASHA

BERLIN, Mar. 15.—(By Associated Press.). Talaat Pasha, former grand vizier and minister of finance of Turkey was assassinated in Charlottenburg, a western suburb of Berlin today. He was shot to death. The murderer, an Armenian student, was arrested.

EDITH GORE IS OPERATED UPON SEMI-CONSCIOUS

Victim of Auto Accident Sunday Night in Serious Condition—Driver of Spotlight Car Remains a Mystery to Authorities.

The accident on the Pacific highway Sunday night in which the Gore sisters were run over by an auto is still an absorbing topic of conversation throughout the city and valley high because of the nature of the deplorable affair and the prominence of the Gore family.

Miss Edith Gore is still in a critical condition with a fractured skull and severe bruises at the Sacred Heart hospital where she was operated on Monday and a piece of skull two and one-half inches in extent was removed from the depression caused by the fracture. It was reported this noon that she was in a semi-conscious condition and was apparently sleeping. It will be a day or so yet, it was announced, before her chances for recovery will be known.

Miss Liberta Gore is in the same hospital suffering with a compound fracture of the left leg, a badly cut lip and very bad bruises. Her sufferings were reported as intense today although there seems to be no doubt of her recovery. The attending surgeons think that her leg will heal in such a manner as not to leave her crippled, which will be welcome news to her many friends. The surgeons, it is said, took 25 stitches in sewing her cut lip, exercising extra precaution to the end that this would will heal without leaving a disfigurement. Miss Liberta had been office girl for Drs. Elliott and Conroy for some time past.

Miss Jeanette Gore, the least injured of the sisters escaped with a wrenched leg or foot and bruises, but is able to walk about.

It is not positively known as yet the identity of the driver of the large touring car which caused the accident by switching the car's spot light into the eyes of Emil Hammond, who drove the car which ran over the Gore sisters, but the authorities feel assured they have the car and its owner located. They will wait

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5 BURNED TO DEATH IN SLEEPER

Rear Pullman on D. & R. G. Train Catches Fire and Burns While Train's Running at 25 Miles an Hour—Two Who Escape Are Injured.

PUEBLO, Colo., Mar. 15.—Five persons were burned to death when a rear Pullman car on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad caught fire early this morning between Pueblo and Walsenburg.

Seven persons were asleep in the Pullman when it caught fire. Two of them escaped by jumping from the windows and were slightly injured.

The train was traveling about 25 miles an hour, according to information received here. The Pullman was the last car on the train and was completely destroyed. The bodies were dragged out of the mass of fire and wreckage when the train came to a stop. The car ahead of the burned Pullman was partially burned.

The train was bound from Denver to Alamosa, Colo. The fire was discovered by the engine crew of a northbound D. & R. G. train, which signalled the other to stop.

Conductor Nixon of Alamosa was severely burned on his face and hands while attempting to uncouple the burning sleeper.

Under regulations, the brakeman should have been riding on the last sleeper, but could not be found this morning, the assistant superintendent said.

SEATTLE BANKER SHIPS TO MEXICO WITH $40,000

SPOKANE, Mar. 15.—Extradition papers for the return from Mexico of Nicholas A. Zankoff, formerly manager of the local office of the Prudential Savings and Loan society of Seattle, have been asked by the state board of accountancy from the state department at Washington, according to a long distance interview by the Chronicle with Examiner Fred Leghorn of the board at Olympia today.

According to Mr. Leghorn, a warrant has been issued charging Zankoff with the embezzlement of about $40,000 of the society's funds. He said that most of the money unaccounted for is the property of small depositors.

SEATTLE, Mar. 15.—Depositors whose accounts with the Prudential Savings and Loan association of Seattle were alleged to have been embezzled by Nicholas Zankoff, former manager of the Spokane offices of the association, have been "taken care of" and will lose nothing, E. R. Henderson, secretary-manager of the association said today. Zankoff is said to have fled to Mexico following discovery of his alleged peculations.

Zankoff's bond had been allowed to lapse during a previous management of the association, Mr. Henderson said, and had not been renewed at the time the alleged embezzlement was uncovered.

INCOME TAX 1920 $300,000,000 SHY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15. — The American people today had their annual day of reckoning. Their laboriously reckoned incomes and business profits for the year of 1920 were presented in the form of income and excess profits tax returns.

Uncle Sam, as a result will be richer by approximately $300,000,000 according to a treasury department estimate.

Receipts a year ago were $800,000,000; but the general depression experienced during the last half of 1920 was counted on to decrease the total incomes and profits reported.

PRESIDENT HARDING STARTS ON RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM WAR LIQUIDATION FIRST AIM

President Considers With Cabinet Creation of Liquidation Commission to Dispose of Surplus War Property—Alaskan Development Also Considered—Federal Action Probable to Restore Alaska to Normal State and Develop Her Natural Resources—Hoover Meets With Secy.'s Davis and Wallace in Conference on Packer's Wage Settlement.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Reconstruction policies were considered by President Harding and his official advisers at today's cabinet meeting.

One subject given particular attention was a proposal to create a liquidation commission to dispose of surplus war property.

The extent of authority to be exercised by a liquidation commission was not discussed in detail.

Alaska came in for particular consideration. The president recently has received much information regarding Alaskan affairs and the feeling is understood to have been manifest that the situation which has developed regarding industries there requires review and probably action to restore it to a normal state. Development of natural resources in Alaska and elsewhere, halted on account of the war, is among the policies which Mr. Harding and his official family want to resume.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—While job hunters cooled their heels around the White House offices today, President Harding toiled over his income tax return. Like many other Americans he had left the job to the last moment and only folks with urgent business got in to see him.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—The extra session of the senate which began March 4, ended shortly before noon today. After confirming a few additional nominations by President Harding, the senate adjourned sine die.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Irving Wright of Thermopolis, Wyo., was nominated today to be register of the land office at Lander, Wyo., and J. Ira Kirby of Sheridan, Wyo., to be receiver of public moneys at Buffalo, Wyo.

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 15.—President Harding has written to Professor F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers association, expressing the hope that there will be no delay in the passing of tariff legislation.

The letter was in response to a telegram directed to the president by the Wool Growers association.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Conferences for the adjustment of differences between the packers and their employes will open here Monday, Secretary Davis announced today.

Mr. Davis said he had received a telegram from Dennis Lane, secretary of the employes' organization, agreeing to this date. The packers already have agreed and have their representatives on the ground.

Secretaries Hoover and Wallace will sit with Mr. Davis at the conferences.

Gompers Makes Statement

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared in a statement today that the proposal of Armour and company and Swift and company to put into effect in their plants a plan of "industrial democracy" was a part of the "anti-union campaign."

"What the packers seek," said Mr. Gompers, "is the destruction of the trade unions which have given the employes real representative and which have obtained for them a measure of real freedom and the substitution of something that will destroy their representation and give to the packers unabridged autocracy and power.

"The packers now have initiated or have followed into, the anti union campaign, and announce first a reduction in wages of workers and then propose to introduce a scheme of socalled industrial democracy in their plants. It is seriously doubted that they can succeed in putting that into operation for the workers would enjoy about as much of 'industrial democracy' as the cattle and sheep, once within the gates of the packers' plants."

Power Commission Meets

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—The federal power commission held its first meeting since inauguration today in Secretary Weeks' office and with both the other members, Secretaries Fall and Wallace, present.

Duties of the power commission are so important, Secretary Weeks said, that it should be re-organized with a membership free from other duties and with the time for careful study of problems.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15.—An embargo on importation of wool, wool tops, and wool waste will be proposed in a bill to be introduced by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, on the first day of the special session of congress next month. Immediate action was necessary to save the wool industry, the senator said today, as foreign wool is pouring into the country.

SERGEANT SMITH IS GAME, BUT NOT IN BRENNAN CLASS

HAVANA, Mar. 15.—Sergeant Ray Smith, although hopelessly outclassed by Bill Brennan here last night was ready to continue the unequal battle after his seconds had thrown a towel into the ring. Unaware that his handlers had given up the fight Smith who had been knocked down after two minutes of fighting in the third round, rose at the count of nine and rushed at his opponent. He was stopped by his seconds, however, and led to his corner.

The fight was fast and furious from beginning to end and Smith although forcing the fighting never had a chance, Brennan landing straight lefts to the face almost at will.

NEW YORK, Mar. 15.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis, world's heavyweight catch as catch can wrestling champion will meet John Pezek of Ravenna, Neb. in a finish bout here April 4, it was announced today. Pezek defeated Tommy Draak in twenty minutes 25 seconds last night in a preliminary match to the Zbyszko-Stecher affair.

STILLMAN DIVORCE CASE DROPPED, FIFI POTTER ASKS FOR $10,000 A MONTH

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Mar. 15.—Court proceedings incident to the suit for absolute divorce brought by James A. Stillman, president of the National City Bank of New York against his wife, the former "Fifi" Potter, were adjourned indefinitely here today before Supreme Court Justice Morschauser.

John F. Brennan of counsel for Mrs. Stillman, told the justice that counsel for both sides had agreed to postpone indefinitely argument on an application concerning the examination of Mr. Stillman for the purpose of ascertaining his income, relative to determination of alimony and counsel fees.

Mr. Brennan, when asked if this action was a prelude to dropping the entire case, made no reply.

He also declined to discuss reports that the case might be taken to California or Nevada.

The motion before the court today involved an application by the defense for $10,000 a month alimony and counsel fees amounting to $25,000.

BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND MURDERS FOLLOW EXECUTION 6 SINN FEINERS

DUBLIN, Mar. 15.—Five police recruits were injured by the explosion of a bomb here last night while searching a house. Three civilians were killed and several were wounded by the explosion.

All troops in Dublin were confined to their barracks last night, officers bearing that there might be disorders as a result of the executions of six men in Mountjoy prison yesterday.

CORK, Mar. 15.—Several British officers who were wearing civilian clothing were held up by unknown persons at Crosshaven last night. In the fighting Thomas Hennessy and Michael Murray were killed. John Moyasta, a farmer of West Clare, was shot and killed when he opened his door in response to a knock. Several other murderous attacks were reported here during the night.