

Governor to Aid In Prosecution Of Hamon Case

Robertson to Instruct Attorney General to Aid In Prosecution of Clara Barton Smith.

Oklahoma City, Okl., Dec. 23.—The state of Oklahoma will aid in the prosecution of Clara Barton Smith, wanted in connection with the fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon, when the case comes to trial, Governor J. B. Robertson announced here at noon today. He will instruct the attorney general's department to assist in the prosecution, he said.

The governor said that public opinion in Ardmore may be so strongly prejudiced in favor of Clara Smith that any attorney appointed by the court to prosecute her might be unsatisfactory to the state. John P. Mathers, county attorney-elect, who will succeed Russell B. Brown on January 1, is now attorney for Clara Smith and will be disqualified from taking the case, the governor added.

In discussing the case Governor Robertson said he is convinced "that there is a great deal of horseplay in the preparations for prosecution." He said that in his opinion the woman should be convicted of manslaughter and serve a term in the state penitentiary.

Members of the attorney general's department declared that if the prosecution is to rest in their hands they would ask that the trial be held in and her county, where a jury may be impaneled with less difficulty and be less influenced by popular opinion.

On Way to Ardmore

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—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.

The Texas & Pacific train carrying Clara Smith left El Paso at 6 o'clock this morning. At the station her attorneys said that it was likely Miss Smith would leave the train at Fort Worth with Sheriff Garrett and her attorneys, McLean and Coakley, for a conference, and that from there the Oklahoma attorney and sheriff would accompany Miss Smith to Ardmore, where bond had been guaranteed.

They added that the young woman was expected to spend the holidays in Oklahoma with friends and relatives and then return to El Paso to wait her parents until the trial in Ardmore.

After kissing their daughter good-bye by the family home the father and mother retired to their rooms. They received no guests until nearly noon, the admitted newspaper reporter.

Reach Ardmore Friday

The party is scheduled to reach Fort Worth Friday morning and to reach Ardmore that afternoon. Bond of \$10,000 is to be furnished immediately and Miss Smith expects to spend a few days with relatives in Oklahoma before returning to El Paso to await the trial.

Attorneys W. P. McLean, Jr., of Fort Worth and Charles A. Coakley of Ardmore, said they would ask a speedy trial and expressed the belief that her acquittal would result. "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.

After the conference early last night, Garrett said that he would telegraph to Kansas City to have Miss Smith's trunk, which were opened there some weeks ago, sent back to Ardmore.

"I have nothing to wear except this," pointing to her blue serge dress, the girl is reported to have told the sheriff after the two had entered her father's home.

Father Tells of Flight. To a newspaper man who had known the family for some time, Smith, the father of the girl, is said to have made the following statement last night: "I believe that I have had barely time to talk with our girl. I only know God must have been with her in her movements. A man she met on the train she rode from Inman to Chihuahua must have been heaven-sent. She had never seen him before. They did not even talk the same language. He approached her, knowing she was in trouble, and offered to shield her. And Clara responded her trust in him. He guarded her as carefully as though she were his own child. I believe that's a miracle. I believe God guided that friend to her in her hour of need."

"That Mexican gentleman is a politician and a power in Chihuahua. He took my girl into his home and his wife was her constant companion. He caused his estate to

Engaged to Marry



Miss Lolita Armour and John J. Mitchell, Jr.

Miss Lolita Armour, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, and her fiance, John J. Mitchell, Jr., son of the wealthy Chicago banker, whose engagement has been announced. The wedding of Miss Armour and Mr. Mitchell, both of whom are leaders in the younger set, will link two of Chicago's greatest fortunes.

Miss Armour is the heiress to a fortune conservatively estimated at \$60,000,000, while young Mitchell will share in a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000. A sophomore at Yale when the war broke out, young Mitchell immediately enlisted in the naval aviation service. He was commissioned an ensign and sent to Key West, Fla. The two young people have known each other practically all their lives, were childhood playmates and later associated in the same social circles.

be pacified by private detectives, who were followed by her from her own brother, until they were positive of his identity. If God didn't send that man to Clara, what other explanation is there? There is none."

Clara Hamon Will Be Tried Late in January

Oklahoma City, Dec. 23.—"Clara Smith will be arraigned within a few hours after she and Sheriff Garrett of Carter county return to Ardmore and the case probably will come to trial late in January," County Attorney Russell B. Brown, who instigated the search for Miss Smith and filed the charge of murder against her, said here today shortly before he returned to Ardmore.

"The prosecution of the case will undoubtedly be concluded by another attorney," Mr. Brown said, pointing out that his term of office as county attorney of Carter county expires January 1. He refused to indicate who will be appointed as special prosecutor to try the case. Mr. Brown received the first authentic information of Miss Smith's surrender here shortly after midnight.

"The only thing to prevent the speedy return to Ardmore of Miss Smith pending her trial would be the development of new angles in the charge of murder which was placed against her," Mr. Brown said. He added that a fund of at least \$200,000 is available in Ardmore for her defense and bond.

Attorney Says Jake Hamon Left Clara Smith Some Money

Ardmore, Okl., Dec. 23.—James H. Mathers of the firm of Mathers & Coakley attorneys 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."

Mr. Mathers said he had received no information from Sheriff Buck Garrett or from Attorney Charles A. Coakley relative to the surrender of Miss Smith yesterday at El Paso. "They were to write me immediately upon Clara Smith's surrender," he added, "but at 9 o'clock this morning I have not received a wire. All I know is what I read in the papers."

Assistant U. S. Treasurer Under Lincoln Succumbs

Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 23.—J. A. Nelson, second assistant treasurer of the United States under President Lincoln and a witness against the assassins of the martyred executive, died today while visiting here at the home of his daughter. He was 85 years old, a native of Ohio and had spent the latter years of his life in California.

Oregon Senator Ill.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon is under the care of specialists at a local hospital, it became known today. His condition was said to be serious with the possibility that an operation may be necessary.

Merchant Killed by Robbers.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 23.—Richard Ilgner of Blue Creek, merchant, was clubbed to death by robbers Monday night. It became known today. His pockets were searched, his savings stamps, postage stamps and \$200 in cash were overlooked.

British Soldiers, Says Witness, Attempted to Tear Down U. S. Flag

Washington, Dec. 23.—An attempt by British soldiers to tear down an American flag from her father's home in Queenstown, Ireland, where she was staying last August, was described today by Mrs. Michael Mohan of Corona, L. I., before the commission of the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland. Mrs. Mohan said she had put up the flag as a protection against raiders and that when a party of soldiers saw it one of them shouted, "tear down that damned American flag and trample on it." The soldiers then, she said, smashed windows in a fruitless attempt to climb up to the flag.

Fiume Is Isolated.

Trieste, Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Strong columns of carabinieri and Alpini, brigaded into probably a score of battalions, have been thrown about Fiume and have completely isolated that city by land. The Italian fleet, which has its headquarters at Pola, is scouring the Gulf of Quarnero day and night for d'Annunzio raiders, and searchlights play on the waters from twilight till dawn.

Richly Isolated.

Following the issuance of orders to establish a close blockade, General Caviglia, Italian commander, directed that foreign citizens and civilians in Fiume be given 48 hours to leave the city.

Wealthy Youth Held.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 23.—Charles D. Seymour, Jr., said by federal officials to be a member of a wealthy family of New York and Gary, Ind., is being held here by the federal bureau of investigation on the complaint of the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Department of Justice agents, charged with bigamy and violation of the Mann act.

Bonus Plan Scored by Secretary of Treasury

(Continued From Page One) The deficit would be approximately \$1,500,000,000, and he added that it could be seen that new sources of revenue must be sought to meet even current requirements. The allied nations should be advised that the United States will not cancel loans made during the war, Senator McKellar, democrat of Tennessee, declared in an address in the senate, criticizing Secretary Houston's statement on the foreign loans in his annual report. Secretary McKellar characterized the "vague and indefinite."

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