

GLORIA HAMON TRIAL BEGINS IN ARDMORE

Courtroom Thronged When Oklahoma's Most Celebrated Murder Case Opens

DILATORY TACTICS BARRED

By the Associated Press
Ardmore, Okla., March 10.—Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Jake L. Hamon, oil millionaire and former Oklahoma national committeeman, went to trial this morning in the state's most celebrated murder case. Judge Thomas W. Champion presided. The courtroom, which virtually had been empty until a few minutes before the trial opened, filled with a rush just before court convened, and when the trial started every seat was filled and persons were lining the walls on all sides.

Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, accompanied by 14 sister attorneys, entered the courtroom promptly at 10 o'clock, and all three took seats behind those reserved for her counsel. Several friends came and stood with hands with her. Jake L. Hamon was not in the courtroom.

A new oil gusher brought in west of Ardmore created a division of interest half-hour before the trial opened. The trial, however, proceeded in the courtroom. The streets and hotel lobbies were comparatively deserted.

Oil Gusher Diverts Interest

Counsel for both sides agreed that the tactics adopted in examining witnesses for jury service. Both defense and state counsel said they would not consent to a murder case without "resorting to grandstanding."

Speaking for the state, P. Freeling, attorney general of Oklahoma, said that an effort would be made to have the court rule that no evidence might be introduced regarding the alleged relations between the defendant and her late husband until she had admitted to grandstanding.

Speaking for the defense, J. McLean and Walter J. Barrett, counsel for the defense, expressed similar views.

General Freeling said the state examination of witnesses would require only the testimony of witnesses who could not be impeached by evidence which could not change.

Counsel for the defense indicated their examination of witnesses would be more involved, although they would not say just what mode of examination would be adopted.

Thought of Throwing Acid

In a final statement before the trial today, Mrs. Hamon, widow of the dead man, said she regretted she had not taken action years ago while Clara Smith Hamon was still Clara Smith, to end her association with Hamon. Clara Smith obtained the Hamon name by marriage to Frank Hamon, nephew of the man she is accused of killing.

In a statement made in the presence of her father, a fifteen-year-old son, Jake, Jr., Fred Ellis, former law partner of her husband, and Mrs. Katherine S. Reid, Ardmore newspaper woman, Mrs. Hamon said that she had carried with herself many times whether to throw acid in Clara Smith's face, to disgrace her so she would not be beautiful and attract attention, Mrs. Hamon said she never could bring herself to that point.

WOMEN JURORS SEEK LIGHT

Ask Why They May Serve on Grand Inquest, But Not in Court

Pottsville, Pa., March 10.—At the suggestion of a number of Pottsville women a committee was sent to the Schuylkill county judges by county women today asking why women are allowed to serve on the grand jury here when they have been declared ineligible for service in the county courts. The answer will undoubtedly be that the services of the women will be dispensed with when they are objected to by the grand jury.

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MISS CLARA SMITH HAMON
Former secretary of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma oil millionaire and politician, who today was put on trial for shooting him to death.

P. R. R. EQUALIZING WAGE REDUCTIONS

Clerks in Paymaster's Office Engaged in Making Retrenchment Adjustments

The paymaster's department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. today is engaged upon the task of working out an equitable adjustment of wages in the general pay cut announced yesterday.

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Our Lowbrow Bringing-Up

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70,000 Men Laid Off

It has been said, however, that if the workers will accept the lower scale of prices without dispute, the labor board will readily consent.

TWO DETECTIVES DINED

Chapman Marks and Thomas Gray May Not Use Gifts

Gifts they will prize but not use were received by District Detectives Chapman Marks and Thomas Gray at a dinner in their honor last night.

OHIO AUTO IN TROUBLE

Motorcar Gets into Brawl With a P. R. T. Trolley

A trolley scoured about an automobile from Ohio which had run its front springs and bumper under a Point 13 trolley at Eleventh and Chestnut streets.

ALLEGED SLAYER ON TRIAL

Man Accused of Killing Railroad Detective in Fight

Thomas Gray, 3004 Gray's Ferry road, was put on trial today before Judge Unigley, of Center county, sitting here in Queen's Court No. 1, charged with murder and manslaughter in causing the death of Charles A. Boyce, a Pennsylvania Railroad detective.

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Answers left at the office of the Evening Public Ledger will also be sent to the editor.

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TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST
P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 76

A poor young photographer chose His subject, "The heart of a rose."

His model said, "Petals Are O. K., but nettles—"

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