

### Clemency Asked By Four Victims Of Jealous Acts

#### Three Murderers and Man Sentenced for Attempted Slaying Will Appear Before Pardon Board.

Lincoln, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Four men into whose hearts the "green-eyed monster" jealousy stole, forcing them to see red and seek relief by attempting the life of another, will appear before the state board of pardons and paroles here Tuesday and beg for clemency. They are: Herbert S. Harris, 40, Nebraska school superintendent; Harry Stout, 45, Nebraska editor; John G. Hamblin, 50, farm laborer; Sylvester Higbee, 48, farm laborer.

#### Many Sign Petition

Harris, son of reputable and wealthy parents at Hastings, is the only one of the quartet who failed to kill his victim. Harris, married now, as he did at his trial, that he is innocent. Over 100 well-known Nebraska citizens have written to the board asking that he be paroled. He is serving from one to 20 years for shooting with intent to kill.

Harris, in a statement presented to the board, declared that while riding in the rear seat of an automobile driven by Russell Aker of Harvard, Neb., he fired a revolver as a practical joke to frighten Aker. The bullet grazed Aker's neck. The state charged that jealousy over Aker's attentions to Miss Edna Korcan of Harvard prompted the wounding of Aker. The shooting occurred on May 8, 1920. Harris is a graduate of Wesleyan university and has been superintendent of schools at Upland, Janata, Bancroft, Gibbon and Harvard.

#### Has Charge of Chickens

Sylvester Higbee, who began serving a 15-year sentence in 1915 for the murder of Thomas Czarnick in Platte county, is one of the most popular men at the state penitentiary and is in charge of the chicken pen at the institution.

Higbee, who has only one leg, worked on a Platte county farm for Mrs. G. M. Zimmer, a widow. He admitted he learned to love her only to learn that she was in love with Czarnick and was engaged to marry him. Jealousy, aided and abetted by whisky, he claims, caused the crime. Harry Stout of DeWitt, former editor, declares that he was drunk and insanely jealous of his wife, Ida, who he shot and killed as she was dismounting from a train at Lincoln, May 28, 1914. He is serving life and wants his sentence commuted. The state, it is declared, withdrew the death penalty with the understanding that Stout was to serve his full life sentence.

#### Father Fights Release

John G. Hamblin, 50, is serving life for shooting and killing Rachel Engle, 15, at Grand Island in 1908. The girl was a step-daughter of Mark Kent of Grand Island. Hamblin worked on a farm owned by Kent. Hamblin declares that the girl, who was in a hospital for several months after the shooting, didn't die directly from the wounds. He was first sentenced to death and later the supreme court cut the sentence to life. Hamblin appeared before the board several months ago and Kent, who was present, declared that if Hamblin was released his wife would die of fright. Kent told the board that his wife had been a nervous wreck ever since the tragedy and demanded Hamblin be given the penalty in full. The hearing was continued at that time until the October meeting.

#### Virginia Is Now Known As "Mother of States"

Virginia was termed the mother of states from the great number of states which were carved out of the territory originally included under the name Virginia, and also as being the first settled and oldest of the original 13 states of the union.

The states created out of what was once Virginia territory are Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. During the civil war the northwestern part of the seceded state, which part remained loyal to the union, was separated from Virginia and admitted into the union as a separate state under the name of West Virginia.

#### Odessa Man Quits Water Wagon at Request of Mules

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 7.—(Special.)—Henry Ripp, living near Odessa, fell off the water wagon. In fairness to Henry, it should be said he was thrown off. A couple of pert mules, frightened when the neck yoke of the wagon broke, were his undoing. Ripp's helper jumped and escaped, while the wagon passed over the owner's body, breaking three ribs and resulting in numerous body bruises. The men were engaged in hauling water to a threshing crew and were coming down a steep hill when the accident occurred. Ripp will recover.

#### Dies From Nosebleed

William Bortens, 43, who was taken to County hospital several days ago suffering from nasal hemorrhage, died yesterday. He was living at the Davenport hotel. Police are trying to locate relatives.

#### Coles Land in New York

Mr. and Mrs. David Cole have landed in New York after a European trip, and are expected here this week.

#### Postmasters Appointed

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Postoffice at Gary, Bonner county, Oklahoma, has been closed. Mail is sent to Pine Bluffs, Wyo. Marie Reimer has been appointed postmaster at Hoag, Garfield county, Nebraska. Vice Abraham Reimer, Jr., deceased; and Edwin O. Peters at Gresham, Harding county, South Dakota, vice Charlotte A. Meddock, resigned.

#### Deaths and Funerals

Mrs. Billie M. Gillis, 55, died at the family home, 2224 North Fourteenth avenue, at 8 p. m., yesterday afternoon, following a short illness. Her husband, W. H. Gillis, survives. Funeral announcement will be made later. Emil W. Gunther, 72, retired capitalist with large farm land holdings, died at his apartment, 2929 Cummins street. He was taken sick at his home when on a motor trip with his wife and son, Clarence, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Tule of Omaha. Funeral services will be held Sunday.

### Men Who Saw "Red" Ask to See Green Fields and Blue Sky



Harry Stout, John Hamblin, Sylvester Higbee, Herbert S. Harris

### Elevator Burns At Shelton, Neb.

#### Reflection Seen From 10 to 20 Miles—Grain in Storage Destroyed.

Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The large elevator owned by the Denman Grain company at Shelton was totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire was discovered in the elevator shortly after 8. It is believed that it started from sparks from a freight engine. No estimates were available on the loss.

The elevator was built about 20 years ago but has been kept in good repair. About 1,500 bushels of corn and 1,000 bushels of wheat were destroyed. The Wood River and Gibbon fire departments were called and assisted in saving surrounding property. The Heyman Lumber company has yards close to the elevator. The entire southern half of the city was endangered by sparks carried by a high wind.

In several places there were small blazes but they were soon extinguished. Reflection of the fire was seen for 10 to 15 miles in every direction. Fire department officials in Grand Island stated they saw the reflection plainly. Shelton is 25 miles from Grand Island.

### Fire Causes \$20,000 Loss at North Loup

North Loup, Neb., Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—A livery barn, a carpenter shop and an oil filling station and warehouse were destroyed by fire at North Loup. Loss is estimated at \$20,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire originated in the livery barn, in which one horse and a car were destroyed. It spread to the other two buildings and was prevented from taking the hotel only by the most energetic efforts of firemen and citizens. In the oil warehouse there were two automobiles which also were lost. An automobile salesroom and an undertaking establishment were saved.

### Former Copper Sued for \$3,000

#### Elmer Heller, Recently Dismissed From Force, Accused Of Beating Plaintiff.

Elmer Heller, policeman, recently dismissed from the force, was sued for \$3,000 in district court yesterday afternoon by John C. Hayes. According to the petition, Heller became angry and thought Hayes was trying to "kid" him when in the darkness Hayes mistook the policeman for a taxi driver and asked him if he was such. Hayes said the officer struck him and then administered a severe beating. He asks \$1,000 for this. Hayes alleges Heller took him to the police station, where he was jailed for the night after the policeman had lodged a complaint of vagrancy against him. This complaint was false, Hayes alleges and asks \$2,000. He says when he was arraigned before the police judge the next morning he was found not guilty of the charge.

### Department Urged To Expedite Work On Irrigation Ditch

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Sands of Gering, Neb., one of the pioneers in the development of irrigation in the North Platte valley, accompanied by "Uncle Mose" Kinkaid, appealed to the reclamation officials today to expedite the work now going on in extending the irrigation ditch from the Wyoming boundary line to Gering and beyond, a distance of 30 miles. Mr. Sands stated to the officials that this extension was very important, not only to the landowners but to the government as well, for the sooner the extension was completed the sooner the government would get monetary results. The irrigation ditch in question is a part of the Laramie project, and lies on the south side of the North Platte river. Clubs with electric flashlights in one side have been supplied to Paris policemen for signalling at night.

### McLaughlin Aids Mennonites In Entering U. S.

#### Nebraska Congressman Producing Evidence That Youths Had Served in Army, Breaks Down Barriers.

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman McLaughlin won a notable victory today in securing the release of 62 young Mennonites from Russia, who have been detained at Ellis Island for upwards of six weeks by the immigration board. Through constituents in the Fourth district, including Peter Jensen of Beatrice, one of the leading citizens in that section of the state, the York congressman became interested in the case of these young men who had been stopped from landing in the United States on the grounds that the Mennonite Relief association has loaned them money for passage and subsistence.

At one time it was urged that these men belonged to that branch of the Mennonite church opposed to war in every form, and that if admitted they would sow the seeds of pacifism that must turn out to haunt the nation in the years to come, when loyalty to the flag might be demanded of its citizens as it was during the late war.

#### Served With Wrangel

Mr. McLaughlin shows evidence that many of the young men of the party had served in the army of the czar and later in General Wrangel's army. When the bolsheviks secured supremacy in Russia, these young Mennonites fled to Constantinople, from which port they sailed for America after satisfactory arrangements had been made with the State department.

When their ship reached quarantine the dreams of these Russian refugees were rudely shattered with Ellis Island as the barrier gateway to the country they had hoped to claim as their own.

#### Physically Fit

Fighting against almost insurmountable obstacles, Congressman McLaughlin finally got the solicitor for the labor department, Mr. Risley, interested in the case, who made a special visit to Ellis Island and examined each man separately. Mr. Risley came back with the report that these Mennonites were the best specimens of physical humanity who have applied for admission to the United States in many months, and he recommended their admission.

The labor department finally agreed to admit the band, taking their bonds to report in six months to the proper authorities and today it is understood they are en route to Seattle, Westmoreland county, Pa., the headquarters of the Mennonite Relief association.

#### Named on Pension Board

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. E. E. Clark has been appointed member of the pension board at Burwell, Neb.

### Relief Administration Assisting Sufferers in Germany and Austria

Washington, Oct. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Persistent reports that the American relief administration of which Herbert Hoover is chairman, has failed to assist the sufferers in central Europe, including Germany and Austria, are denied by the administration in a letter to Congressman Jefferis.

The letter in reply to an inquiry made by him states that every effort is being made to aid the sufferers in all of Europe and that in August, 1921, the administration was feeding 215,000 children in Austria and slightly less than 200,000 children in Germany. In the latter country, the relief is in charge of the American friends service committee composed of Quakers. These figures, the officials assert, represent a reduction in the feeding program made possible by the improved food conditions in central Europe.

The food draft service, by which residents of the United States could purchase food for European sufferers through the relief administration has been discontinued, officials added, because of improving conditions abroad, and applicants have been told that money must be sent through banks and food through the American Express Co. or parcels post.

### Nurse Asks \$20,000 for Injury in Auto Accident

Claiming she was knocked down and seriously injured by an automobile driven by Mrs. Lewis L. Clark, while she was crossing the street at Farnam and Twenty-fourth streets some time ago, Nina Johnson, nurse, 2021 Webster street, brought suit yesterday in district court asking \$20,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that Mrs. Clark was driving on the wrong side of the street in a negligent manner.

### Peace Parleys May Prevent Threatened Rail Strike

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Both railroad operating officials and union leaders today professed to see a possible peace parley on the threatened railroad strike as the result of a decision announced yesterday to have a meeting here next Monday of 600 chairmen of railroad unions to confer on the strike question.

### Chapel of the Pys Most Carefully Guarded Room

The most jealously guarded apartment in England is that known as the Chapel of the Pys. The vault is only accessible through double doors, opened by no fewer than six keys, and permission to enter requires the signature of the chancellor of the exchequer, the financial secretary of the treasury and the controller of the exchequer.

Once the treasury of the kings of England, this immensely strong underground chamber was used until the year 1904 for the safe-keeping of the gold and silver standards used every five years by the mint authorities. Toward the close of that year, however, these standards were transferred, together with other valuables, to the royal mint on Tower Hill and the vault now holds little or nothing to tempt an enterprising burglar.

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### State Reformatory Will Use Wire Fence Instead of Stone Wall

Lincoln, Oct. 7.—(Special.)—There will be no "bleak, bare, gray walls" at the new Hawthorne reformatory at Lincoln.

Instead, heavy wire, 10 feet high the strongest the market affords measuring 600 by 475 feet, will take the place of stone walls ordinarily enclosing reformatories and state prisons. On top of the fence heavy barbed wire will be placed to make escape more difficult. The total cost, according to a contract signed by the state board of control, will be \$5,700.

A contract also has been awarded to place steel bars in all windows of the reformatory at this time are being engaged in making it a fit place to live in for other prisoners now confined in the state penitentiary.

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