

T. H. MATTERS IS SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON

Judge Frank A. Youmans Overrules Motions in Arrest of Judgment and for New Trial.
SENTENCED ON ALL COUNTS
But Entire Nineteen Will Run Concurrently Making Total Time to Be Served Six Years.
WILL GO TO COURT OF APPEALS

Six years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., was the sentence imposed upon Thomas H. Matters in federal court Monday afternoon, after Judge Frank A. Youmans had overruled his motions in arrest of judgment and for a new trial. Matters was recently convicted by a jury of violation of the National banking laws in connection with the First National bank of Sutton, which afterwards failed. He will appeal the case.

The sentence as pronounced by the judge was for six years' confinement on each of the nineteen counts on which Matters was found guilty, a total of 114 years, but by order of the court, the nineteen terms of six years each will run concurrently, so that the time Matters must serve totals only six years. Under the law, the penalty is fixed at from five to ten years. Matters is now 57 years of age.

By special order of the court, agreed to by United States District Attorney F. S. Howell, who prosecuted the case, a stay of execution of sentence was granted until June 1, in order to give Matters' lawyers time to prepare their lengthy bill of exceptions and assignment of error and file the supersedeas bond necessary in making appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals.

Appearance Bond Furnished.
An appearance bond in the order staying execution of the judgment of the court was immediately furnished by Matters. It was in the sum of \$5,000, signed by Henry M. Browning and Clinton J. Stuphan, both of Omaha. The supersedeas bond on appeal will probably be of the same amount to be decided by Judge Youmans, June 1, when he allows the bill of exceptions for appeal.

Just before Matters was sentenced, his only son, Attorney Thomas H. Matters, Jr., made an appeal to the court to take into consideration Matters' life record as a hard worker and a true father and husband, and to make the sentence as light as possible, in view of Matters' age and his family, comprised of a wife, three daughters and a son. The only member of the family present was Miss Helen Matters, a daughter, who wept during her brother's appeal for their father.

Receives Sentence.
The convicted man himself then stepped before Judge Youmans, stood erect and unflinching and with his eyes cast without a word or gesture. He then helped to arrange his bond.

President M. L. Luebben of the defendant bank, who was indicted as principal in the deals in which Matters was prosecuted as an aider and abettor, has not yet been tried. He was the government's chief witness against Matters, and is now said to be ready to plead guilty and throw himself on the leniency of the court. The offenses charged in both indictments concerned unauthorized issuance of certificates of deposit and misapplication of the funds raised thereby.

Matters, formerly lived at Harvard, Neb., and was attorney for the Sutton bank.

Many Allegations.
Over 150 allegations were made by Matters' counsel as grounds for a new trial, and they consumed most of the day in argument. Among the allegations were: Irregularities in the conduct of the jurors, in being allowed to read newspaper and letters and to telephone home; errors of the court in giving and refusing instructions; and in admitting and excluding various pieces of testimony. It was also asserted that the jury's verdict was influenced.

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The Weather

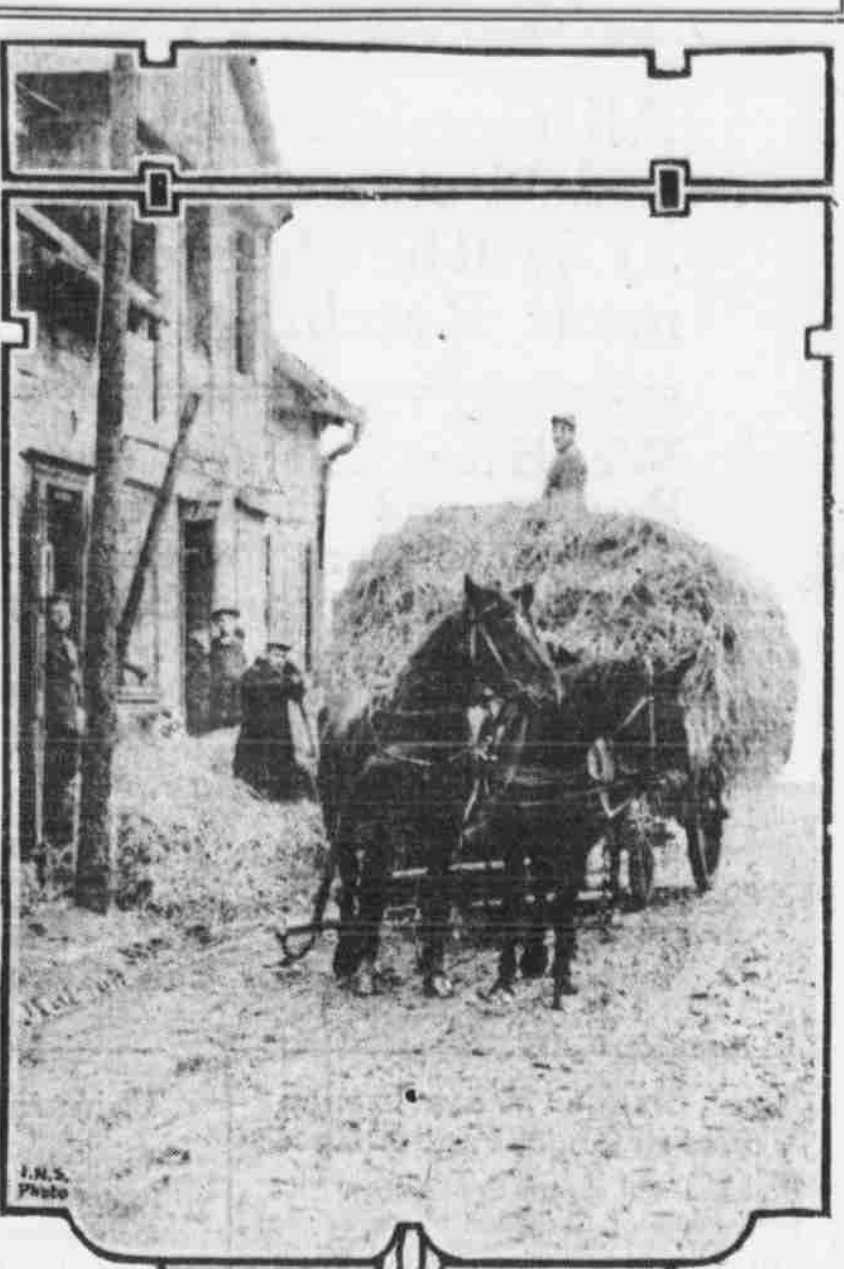
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Comparative Local Record.

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Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

ARMIES MUST BE FED—German troopers requisitioning hay for their horses in a Polish village.



J.M.S. Photo

S. O. BANK TELLER SHOOTS HIMSELF

Frank Whitmarsh Puts a Bullet Through His Head While in Basement at His Home.
DIED LATER AT HOSPITAL

Frank W. Whitmarsh, aged 45 years, living at 2017 Sherman avenue, shot himself through the right temple Monday morning in the basement of his home and died yesterday afternoon at the Lord Lister hospital.

Mr. Whitmarsh arose about 7 o'clock and in accordance with his usual custom went to the basement before dressing to fix the furnace, said Mrs. Whitmarsh. "As he left the bedroom he remarked, 'Jimminy, it's chilly,' and whistling, started down stairs," she said.

When he stepped into the kitchen, he heard a sharp noise and then for several moments no sound came from below. Then a sharp noise startled me, but thinking that he had dropped the poker, I paid no further attention to the matter until, wondering why he did not come upstairs, I went to investigate. Upon reaching the kitchen, I heard him groan, and hurrying to the cellar, found him lying at the foot of the stairs with a bullet wound in his right temple and a .32-caliber revolver on the floor near his hand."

Dr. MacDonald was immediately summoned and ordered the man's removal to Lord Lister hospital. The bullet entered the right temple, immediately to the rear of the eye, and came out the left temple, practically in the same position. The optic nerve was destroyed and the brain tissue smashed.

No reason for the man's act can be ascertained, as no note was left. His health and spirits were of the best and he had no domestic or business difficulties. He has no children.

Mr. Whitmarsh has been employed by the Stock Yards National bank of South Omaha for the last eighteen years, and recently in the capacity of exchange teller and collection clerk. His account was in perfect order, according to J. B. Owens, cashier of the bank, who with representatives of Arthur Young & Co. went over the books of the institution Saturday. He was an Englishman by birth and the son of a minister and had been married twenty years.

That Whitmarsh had contemplated the deed at least since Sunday evening was revealed by the fact that a new found \$300 in bills in his wife's purse Monday morning. The money had not been there Sunday afternoon.

Battleship Alabama Passes Out to Sea

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, March 29.—The battleship Alabama, bound for Hampton Roads to do neutrality duty, passed out to sea shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Sioux Falls Theater Destroyed by Fire

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 29.—The Majestic theater here was destroyed by fire early today. Loss, \$5,000. A stock company lost all of its wardrobe.

MINISTERS TO TAKE HAND IN ELECTION

Disappointed at Reception by Council Vice Report to Go to Commercial and Woman's Clubs.

The special meeting of the Omaha Ministerial union yesterday was decidedly a political meeting. Not that the ministers would stoop to "petty, puerile party politics," as one of the members expressed it, but nearly all the matters that came up had to do with making the church people of Omaha a more potent factor for civic upbuilding—that is, making them better and more active voters.

Rev. Titus Lowe exhibited real Christian forbearance in speaking of the city commissioner's reception of the ministers' vice report last Monday. "It would be easy to say much—much," remarked Rev. Mr. Lowe, feelingly, "but I will forbear. However, it merely proves that our job is only begun and that we must place the awful facts of the vice report before the real bodies that are working for civic betterment here, such as the executive committee of the Commercial club and the Woman's club. A resolution was adopted directing the committee to present the report to these bodies and others."

Good Citizenship Day. Sunday, April 5, will be observed as "Good Citizenship day" in Omaha's churches. This was decided unanimously by the ministers after some discussion. On that day the ministers will preach on the principles of good citizenship.

One member declared himself in favor of the day because he had heard that there were 8,000 men in Omaha, nearly all of them of the element that waste decency, who did not vote at the election three years ago.

Rev. C. W. McCaskill declared that "the Catholic church has a high political pull" and could be a great force in assisting in the observance of this day.

He mentioned a civic righteousness committee in an eastern city which wanted something and called an American priest to get his assistance. The priest said, "I'll just call up the mayor." And in two minutes the priest did more than all the Protestant population had accomplished.

Solicit Other Denominations. On motion of Mr. McCaskill, a committee was appointed to solicit the cooperation of the Catholic, Jewish and other bodies in observance of the day. Rev. Dr. Beldy of the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church and Rev. Dr. Frederick T. Robe of the First Congregational church were named as this committee.

Rev. F. A. High, assistant superintendent of the Nebraska Anti-Saloon league, declared that "wet or dry" is not to be an issue in this spring's campaign in spite of Mayor Lathin's statement that he would make it so. "High thought the mayor could make the campaign 'wet,' but was not the man who could make it 'dry,' and that the question, if brought up, would make him votes. 'And I for one don't care to do anything to boost the candidacy of Dahlmann,'" he said.

M'HUGH IN WASHINGTON ON HARVESTER BUSINESS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge W. D. McHugh of Omaha, one of the counsel for the International Harvester company, is in Washington engaged in the preparation of the company's brief in reply to the brief of the United States seeking the dissolution of that corporation.

The brief of the attorney general was filed today, a week being given for reply of the company.
C. J. Smyth of Omaha, special counsel under the Department of Justice, is in Washington on business with the attorney general.

125 PERISH WHEN SUBMARINE SINKS THE LINER FALABA

Admiralty Announces that 140 Survivors of Fast Steamer Picked Up, Eight of Whom Die Later

CAPTAIN IS REPORTEDLY IN THE VICINITY OF PORTUGAL ENEMY STORY BY ENGLISH SHIP UNDERSEA MINE IS TOLD.

DUTCH BOAT STRIKES A MINE

LONDON, March 29.—About 125 men were lost when the British steamer Falaba was sunk by a German submarine off Milford Haven on the coast of Wales, according to the firm owning the vessel.

The admiralty announces that 140 survivors of 160 passengers and ninety members of the crew have been picked up. Eight of these died afterward.

Twenty-three of the crew and three passengers of the Agulla, torpedoed Saturday night by a German submarine, are missing, according to the admiralty statement.

The admiralty statement follows: "Twenty-three members of the crew and three passengers are missing from the steamer Agulla."
"The steamer Falaba, which also sank, carried a crew of about ninety persons and about 100 passengers. About 140 survivors have been picked up, eight of whom, including the captain, died afterward. It is feared that many persons on the steamer were killed by the explosion of the torpedo."

"The Dutch steamer Amstel, a vessel of 83 tons belonging to P. A. Van Es & Co. of Rotterdam, when on a passage from Rotterdam to Gool, England, struck a mine at 4 a. m. March 29 in a German mine field off Flamborough (Yorkshire, England). The crew has been landed in the Humber by the Grimby trawler Pinewood."

Unofficial Report Says 13. Unofficial reports received from members of the crew of the Agulla were that only thirteen members of the crew of the steamer had been lost when it was sunk by the German submarine U-23 last Saturday night.

Three of the Falaba's lifeboats were swamped. Many persons aboard the vessel were thrown into the sea, where they struggled, while the submarine circled about, offering, according to stories told by those rescued, no assistance. A fishing boat appeared on the scene and saved 140 of the passengers and crew.

Captain Davis of the liner was picked up dead. Eight other bodies were recovered. The survivors were landed at Milford Haven.

Captain Ignores Order. The survivors relate that the liner was seventy miles to the southwest of Milford Haven when the submarine appeared. It called to the captain of the Falaba to leave to, but he ignored the order and promptly started at full speed ahead. The liner was a fast craft and for half an hour the chase was kept up before the submarine overhauled it and compelled it to stop.

The passengers and crew were given five minutes to leave and although this time was very brief, most of the boats were launched before the submarine fired its torpedo. The projectile struck the Falaba in the engine room and a terrific explosion followed.

The situation at Mexico City assumed another of its rapid changes today when Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called to Secretary Bryan's attention a report he had received from the Mexican capital that Zapata's forces, under General Garza, were about to abandon the city again and that General Obregon, the Carranza chief, in the vicinity, was moving forward to recapture it. The ambassador is understood to have asked what precautions for the protection of foreigners were contemplated by the American government in this event.

Secretary Bryan said later that no reports of the intended evacuation had reached the department. He characterized such information as had been received as "speculations as to what might happen," referring, apparently, to the statement of the British ambassador. Earlier the secretary said assurances had been received from General Garza that the food situation in Mexico City would be taken care of satisfactorily by the presentarrison.

STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

Omaha has better hotels than any city twice its size in the country. The hotel rates are more reasonable than for similar accommodations for the traveling public in other cities.

Cruiser Dresden Sunk While at Anchor in Chilean Harbor is Claim

BERLIN, March 29.—(Via Bayville and Wireless).—The German government today gave out an official statement in which it was affirmed that the German cruiser Dresden, which was sunk off the Chilean island of Juan Fernandez, March 14, by a British squadron, was destroyed in neutral waters. It says in part: "The facts are that the Dresden was lying at anchor 300 yards off the coast in Cumberland bay, Juan Fernandez island, when it was attacked on the morning of March 14 by gunfire from the British cruisers Kent and Glasgow and the auxiliary cruiser Orama."

"The Dresden was in a neutral port, with its engines disabled and without coal, apparently with little ammunition and practically unable to defend itself." "After the Dresden, by the first volley of the infinitely superior enemy was hit astern, the German commander protested against the violation of Chilean neutrality, whereupon the commander of the British squadron declared he had orders to destroy the Dresden wherever he found it, and that he did not care for

other questions which diplomacy could settle afterwards.
"Consequently after a last effort of hopeless resistance no alternative was left for the Dresden but self-destruction."
"The attitude of the commander of the British squadron was typical of British contempt for the rights of neutral states so long as the chief object was attained—to destroy all men-of-war flying the flag of Great Britain's enemy."
"How brutally Chilean neutrality was violated is proved by the fact that the shells of the British cruisers nearly hit a Chilean ship and that splinters fell on Chilean territory, which practically amounts to the bombardment of a neutral Chilean port by British cruisers, because a German cruiser was inside."
"This is practically evidence as to what extent Great Britain is standing up for the weak, especially neutral nations, as advertised by British cabinet members. Chile is unable to defend itself."
"More interesting, however, is what attitude the United States government will adopt in the face of such a violation of the neutrality of a South American republic."

SWEEP SEA FLOOR FOR LOST SUBSEA

Diving Bell Being Built in Which Man Will Look for F-4 Under Waters of Pacific.

HONOLULU, March 29.—Vessels searching for the missing United States submarine F-4 have recommenced sweeping the ocean floor with cables. So far no success has been reported.

Naval officials reiterate their confidence in their theory that the F-4 is submerged close to the harbor entrance. They base their opinion largely on the reports of fuel oil seen on the surface of the sea, on the stream of air bubbles rising to the surface and also on the recovery of a piece of brass work brought up by a line from the tug Navajo. This piece of brass has been identified by the naval authorities as from the F-4.

No Hope Men Alive. Naval officials said today they had abandoned hope of rescuing the twenty-one men aboard the submarine. They say their work is one of recovering the bodies and getting what salvage there may be in the vessel, which they apparently believe is wrecked.

A diving bell, being built under the supervision of W. C. Parks, a civil engineer, and expected to aid in the finding of the F-4, may be ready for use soon. The bell is a fifty-four-inch iron pipe seven feet in length fitted with glass portholes. It is planned to lower this diving bell with an observer inside connected by telephone with a vessel above. The bell will be moved as directed by the man below until the submarine is found. The observer will then direct the placing of hoisting cables.

No More Reports. WASHINGTON, March 29.—No further reports came to the navy department during the day. When Admiral Moore has made a report on the location of the hull a board of inquiry will be ordered to investigate the disaster. That is the usual course.

Court Finds Mrs. Burkham Daughter of Mr. Campbell

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 29.—The appointment of John S. Leady as administrator during litigation over the estate of James A. Campbell, was overruled in the circuit court here today on an appearance before the probate court appointing Mr. Leady executor of the estate instead of the Mercantile Trust company, named in the will.

The circuit judge in giving the decision said Mrs. Lois Campbell Burkham was the daughter of James Campbell.

This decision was on an appearance and was in a separate case from that to determine the validity of the will itself or the parentage of Mrs. Lois Campbell Burkham. The will case proper is pending before another division of the circuit court and is set for trial April 19.

Ex-Marshal for Iowa Is Dead at Seattle

CLINTON, Ia., March 29.—William Desmond, United States marshal for Iowa during both Cleveland administrations, died last night in Seattle, Wash., aged 65.

Desmond, as sheriff of Clinton county in 1881, broke up the famous "Fris" Burns burglary gang of twenty-five members, sending three to the penitentiary.

Pueblo Bank Closes Because of Run

PUEBLO, Colo., March 29.—The Mercantile National bank closed its doors here today, following the beginning of a run by depositors. C. C. Slaughter, the cashier, resigned several days ago, and since then a national bank examiner is said to have been going over the affairs of the institution.

The bank is capitalized at \$500,000 and its last statement gave deposits of \$1,312,860.

SIXTY-SIX YEARS OLD BUT IN SERVICE IN WAR ZONE

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BOULOGNE, March 29.—The oldest man in active service in the western war is a Canadian, Sergeant George Lancelotti, aged 66. He is a dispatch rider for Canadian Hospital No. 2 at Le Tourquet, twenty miles from Boulogne.

George H. Dern formerly resided at Fremont. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

RUSSIANS KNOCK AT BACK DOOR OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Czar's Fleet Resumes Bombardment of Turkish Forts at Black Sea Entrance to the Bosphorus.

ALLIES BUSY IN DARDANELLES
Mine Sweepers at Work and Battleships Are Shelling Forts at Long Range.
GERMAN SUBMARINES ACTIVE

The Day's War News

BRITISH STEAMER FALABA, one of the larger merchantmen to be sent to the bottom was torpedoed off the coast of south Wales, probably with a heavy loss of life. The British steamship Agulla was sunk in the English channel, but the crew of twenty-three men was saved.

GENERAL VON KLUCK who led the advance of the German forces to the gates of Paris in the early days of the war, has been wounded. Today's German official statement says he was injured slightly by shrapnel and that his condition is satisfactory.

NEW GERMAN OFFENSIVE in Poland has led to sharp fighting in which the Russians are said in Berlin to have suffered heavy losses.

GERMAN TROOPS in the north of Poland have returned to the attack, centering their movement in the region of the Skwa river near the Prussian border. The claim is made that further to the south on the Piller river German forces were put to flight.

PETROGRAD'S VERSION of the fighting in the Carpathians represents that victories have been won at several points, giving the Russians access to northern Hungary.

ITALY HAS DECREED a strict censorship on military news, beginning March 31. A Paris newspaper publishes an unverified report that Austria has agreed to cede part of Trent to Italy at the close of the war in return for Italy's neutrality.

SOME TURKISH forts at the Dardanelles were bombarded yesterday by indirect fire from the Gulf of Saros.

LONDON, March 29.—Russia is again today knocking at the back door of Constantinople by bombarding the Turkish forts on the Bosphorus, but with what success is not yet definitely known. As to the front door of the Turkish capital, the Dardanelles, the only news is the monotonous reiteration of the report that the mine sweepers of the allies are continuing their work and that the weather conditions still prevent a resumption of the bombardment by the fleet.

Constantinople, however, declares to accept the weather as an excuse for the lull in the attack and claims that since March 5 weather conditions have been so good that Turkish aeroplanes have been flying over the warships of the enemy in and about the Dardanelles. Unofficial reports from neutral points in the vicinity of the scene of operations indicate an early resumption of activity; they set forth that a long distance shelling of the inner defenses has been commenced by the battleships.

Russians Busy in Balkans. Reviewing naval activity in the Baltic, Petrograd claims that the operations on this sea of Russian warships have resulted in damage to several German units and that the Germans have been compelled materially to restrict their movements.

German submarines have been active off the English and Irish coasts and the liner Falba, reported in distress in the Bristol channel, may be one of the victims of their raid.

From a diplomatic standpoint observers (Continued on Page Three, Col. Four.)

Bargain Sales

A thrifty housewife will go a long way from her usual path to get a bargain or attend a bargain sale. Many housewives, however, use a handy method daily to be economical.

This is by watching the "For Sale" column of The Bee. People are often forced to sell at a sacrifice such articles as office and household furniture, musical instruments, typewriters, etc. Bee readers have the buying habit well developed. So such articles are usually offered for sale in The Bee to secure the quickest buyer.

It is a poor rule that wouid work both ways, and it applies to this method. If you have something for sale try it and see.

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