

WEATHER FORECAST
Unsettled today. Probably showers with falling temperature.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
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THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

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Mother Held for 5 Deaths Hangs Self

Policewoman Save Life, However—Bodies of Mate and Four Children Will Be Exhumed.
Deaths Paid Her \$7,000

Chicago, April 12.—Mrs. Anna Cunningham, held for questioning in connection with the mysterious poisoning of her husband and four children, made an unsuccessful attempt to hang herself today.

The woman tied a sheet about her neck and fastened the other end to a bedpost in her ward at the county hospital where she was taken Saturday night after she collapsed while being interrogated in the office of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe.

Agnes Whelan, a policewoman, deeded to guard Mrs. Cunningham tore the sheet from the woman's neck and forced her back to bed.

"I Will Do It Again."

"Let me alone, I'm going to kill myself sometime—I will do it again," she protested.

The authorities began to question Mrs. Cunningham when her son, David Cunningham, was brought to Chicago from Gary, Ind., suffering with arsenic poisoning. A search of the Cunningham home at Gary revealed a quantity of arsenic.

Mrs. Cunningham readily admitted she bought the poison, but claimed she used it to poison rats and spray plants. She denied she had ever poisoned any member of her family.

Coroner A. C. Dobbins of Gary, Ind., told the local authorities he would join them in a move to have the bodies of the victims disinterred Monday. The vital organs will be examined by chemist.

"Full of Arsenic."

Chemists determined that it was arsenic that caused the illness of David Cunningham, Jr. The youth is in a serious condition, but physicians believe he will live.

"He is full of arsenic and if his constitution is strong enough to throw it off he will recover," the attending physician said.

In the meantime the past history of the family was being investigated.

The family lived until seven years ago at Barclay's Corners, Ind., on a little farm of 37 acres. When David Cunningham, the father, died, they moved to Gary.

Mrs. Anna Cunningham, questioned in connection with the deaths of her husband and children, attended services religiously.

Neighbors respected her, but they all said she was "a little queer." She was eccentric and had some queer ideas about children and other things.

Neighbor Buys Farm.

All the children were born in the drab little village.

In 1915 the father died there. His death was much the same, in circumstance, as those that followed. In tense stomach pains; a sudden attack; a few days' illness, all indicating poison. He had been insured for \$7,000.

Then Mrs. Cunningham sold the farm for \$4,000 to Mrs. Katherine Betts, who owned an adjoining farm. Mrs. Betts was one of the neighbors who commented on the eccentricities of the mother and the father.

Harry moved that the family go to Gary. A year after they left Barclay's Corners, Isabelle, 25, died. She had been insured for \$1,000 just five weeks before her death and Mrs. Cunningham had paid but one premium.

Three More Deaths.

Harry, 23, was the next victim of the sudden illness. He died in 1921, less than a year after he had been insured for \$2,500.

Charles, the second brother to die, suffered the same fate a year later, at the age of 18. He was insured for only \$300.

In 1922 the youngest brother, Walter, 12, died, insured for only \$180.

The last to be attacked was David, Jr., who was rushed from a Gary hospital (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

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Irish Leader Makes First Appearance for Two Years

Dublin, April 12.—Frank Aiken, republican chief of staff, today made his first public appearance at Dublin since the stormy days of 1923. He delivered an oration at the republican plot in St. Patrick cemetery in commemoration of Easter week of 1916.

Although it had been announced he would be arrested if he attempted to speak, no hindrance was placed upon him. The graybeard, however, was encircled by free state soldiers.

Commencement Week Opens at State Farm

Lincoln, April 12.—Commencement week for the University of Nebraska college of agriculture opened today with the senior sermon delivered by Rev. G. W. Snyder, of the Epworth Methodist Episcopal church. The class day program will be given by the seniors of the college Tuesday afternoon in agricultural hall.

The regular commencement exercises will be held Wednesday evening. Acting President Francis D. Farrell of the Kansas State Agricultural college, will deliver the address, taking as his subject "Law in Agriculture." Twenty-three seniors in the school are to receive certificates of graduation.

We Have With Us Today

Arvid B. Christianson Retired Manufacturer, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Mr. Christianson is spending a few days in Omaha before returning to his home in Texas. He has been visiting relatives in South Dakota.

"I've always been eager to stop off in Omaha," Mr. Christianson explained. "The Indian name of the city always has attracted my fancy, and of late years reports indicate that there is no better business city in the country. My first visit indicates that reports are correct."

Mr. Christianson told of plans to make his adopted town, Corpus Christi, an important seaport.

"Walking Wardrobe," Latest Mode in Dress, Startles Crowd at Auteuil

Invention of French Dressmaker Enables Women to Carry Three Extra Gowns With Them in Compact Leather Purse—Betty Blythe Goes to Egypt.

By C. F. BERTELLI, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Paris, April 12.—Gilda Gray's sensational experiment last year of changing gowns for every race was eclipsed today when Yvonne Carre, famous dressmaker, started Auteuil, where a huge crowd gathered to watch the president's stakes, with a remarkable invention baptised the "walking wardrobe."

Carre's mannequins appeared carrying mysterious oblong flatish leather purses about 10 inches by six, decorated with designs in enamel. Within the pocket-book each mannequin carried three different gowns of printed muslin specially made so as to fold in a small space.

Yvonne explained that the woman was thus able to wear one gown at the races, change in their taxicabs into a fresh dress for polo and change again for tea, dance or dinner, all without returning home. A hundred models of these gowns were purchased by American buyers.

Society was out in force this afternoon, many well known Americans watching the steeply churning, Ray Constock, George Tyler, Jake Schubert and Ashton Stevens formed one animated group, Shubert risking 10 francs, or about 50 cents, on each race.

The bustling forebird of Avery Horwood was visible near the 500-franc booth, while Betty Blythe was bidding farewell to her friends before starting on a journey to Egypt.

Mac Murray has gone to Cannes, where, she told me, she intends to "lie in the sands all alone, forgetting divorce, suits and work."

Tom Mix is expected daily, while George Fitzmaurice was seen arm in arm with his friend, Dudley Field Malone, who leaves for New York Wednesday.

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Special Easter Services Crowd Omaha Churches

Resurrection of Christ Celebrated in Sermon and Song; Weather Men Sends Sunshine.

Christian churches were attended by thousands of Easter worshippers on Sunday when the resurrection of Christ was commemorated with special programs of music and sermons. These sanctuaries were decorated with flowers, and a benediction of sunshine filled the churches to overflowing.

Most of the sermons told of the hope which the resurrection inspires in those who hold to the Christian faith. The ministers urged everyone to take thought of the real significance of Easter, to take new hope, and to pledge anew an allegiance to the Savior of mankind.

At the First Presbyterian church Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks stated that Easter means enlargement of life; that it gives to every believer assurance of immortality.

Many Join Church.

"Easter should impress us with the responsibilities of life, it should enhance the value of life for us," Rev. Mr. Jenks said. "This promise of a larger life should inspire us to live well this life on earth." He gave a historical setting of the resurrection and stated that it was generally accepted at the time as being reality.

W. J. Baird, and twenty-five new members were welcomed into the church during the services.

Rev. H. C. Whitcomb at Calvary Baptist church spoke in the morning on "The Resurrection Hope," and at First Central Congregational church Rev. Frank G. Smith's sermon topic was "The Demands of Human Yearnings Upon Religious Faith and Philosophy."

Knights Templar service was one of the features of the day at All Saints' church. "The Victorious One" was the theme of Rev. John D. Baird at Kountze Memorial Lutheran church. Dr. A. A. DeLorme at First Baptist church spoke on "Christ's Resurrection and Ours." Baptisms were administered at morning and evening services, with special music for both services.

At the First Methodist church discussed the theme, "What Jesus Taught About the Resurrection." At the evening service "The Seven Last Words of Christ," cantata, was sung by the choir.

Numerous Cantata Sung.

At Westminster Presbyterian church "The Message from the Resurrection" (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Law Passed by Last Congress Permits Letting of Contracts for Extension of Service.

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CHICAGO HIT BY RED NECKTIE FAD

Chicago, April 12.—Chicago is now threatened with an epidemic of red neckties for men.

For several weeks store windows have been full of the flaming cardinal cravats, but it wasn't until today, in Chicago's most gorgeous Easter parade, that the sterner sex evinced a weakness for the flash ties.

If your tie didn't have some red in it, you just weren't in the parade at all.

The proper tie was anything in the scale from a quiet red to a screaming scarlet. Many were of a solid color, while others were "toned down" in combinations of yellow, green, pink and blue.

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Deeds of Heroism Dislosed With Award of Annual Red Cross Prizes

Washington, April 12.—Deeds of heroism and of calm, rescue action in perilous emergencies were disclosed today by the American Red Cross in announcing its annual award of prizes for first aid, resuscitation and life saving.

The first prize for first aid went jointly to Clarence H. Hicks, Wiley G. Warner and Roy B. Garlin, employees of the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania, for rescuing a heman who had been severely shocked by contact with a live wire while working on top of a telegraph pole. Claude W. Holmes of Elizabeth, N. J., Herbert North of New York city and Joseph Lee of Findlay, O., received the other three first aid prizes for preventing death by hemorrhage of three badly injured persons.

Henry G. Bruhn of Cleveland, O., Harry W. Just of Seattle, Wash., Robert Parker Windmill of Philadelphia and Wagner F. Lyle of Los Angeles, Cal., received the four resuscitating prizes for reviving, through quick application of first aid methods, victims of electric shock, gas poisoning or partial drowning.

The life saving prizes all were awarded for the rescue, under dangerous circumstances and subsequent resuscitation of drowning persons. The recipients were J. P. Miller of St. Louis, Mo., Paul E. Berry of New Castle, Pa., George Short of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Dorothy Henderson of Canton, Ohio.

All of the winners had been trained in Red Cross first aid and life saving methods and will receive their awards in the form of cash prizes and certificates. In publishing the names of the winners, the Red Cross stated that "the rescuers in each case showed great personal courage, coupled with scientific methods learned through Red Cross instructors."

American Will Attend Pan-American Road Meet

Washington, April 12.—American participation in the Pan-American road meet to be held in Buenos Aires next October was formally announced today at the White House. J. Walter Drake, assistant secretary of commerce, will act as chairman of the American delegation. The congress was authorized in a resolution approved at the fifth Pan-American congress at Santiago in 1923 and American participation was authorized by an act of congress at the last session after the Argentine government had forwarded an official invitation to the United States.

The object of the congress is to discuss road construction in all its phases and by promoting highway development through joint consideration of the problems involved, to increase social and commercial bonds between the Pan-American republics.

Former Governor Dies

Morgantown, W. Va., April 12.—William E. Glascock, 63, former governor of West Virginia, died at his home here early this morning.

Ex-Kaiser's Cablegram Causes Stir

Hindenburg Pleased With Message From Wilhelm: Some Papers See Double Meaning in Statement.

Comment Quite General

By O. D. TOLJISCHUS, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, April 12.—The former kaiser's telegram to George Sylvester Viereck, published in America and immediately recalled here, created the greatest sensation in Germany, especially in political circles.

The cablegram was at once brought to the attention of Field Marshal Hindenburg by his campaign managers and was read by him with the greatest satisfaction. The assertion that while he is prepared to take the oath under the republican constitution he had really placed himself under the direction of the ex-kaiser was particularly resented by Hindenburg as a slur against his character and independence.

"The Universal Service deserves the thanks of all who believe in fairness for having definitely made an end to such an obvious lie," said Chairman Lohbell of the interparty Hindenburg committee.

Comment Is General.

The former kaiser's message is featured in newspapers of all shades of political opinion. The Deutsche Tagezeitung heads the telegram "The End of a Lie," while the Lokal Anzeiger writes that it "nullifies clumsy swindle maneuvers at home and abroad." The Lokal Anzeiger also says:

"Whereas the anti-German papers of New York usually print all they can get about the kaiser, they are studiously silent on the kaiser telegram because otherwise they would have to repudiate mischief-making reports of their Berlin correspondent."

Variations of the same thought are printed in all the other papers supporting the Hindenburg candidacy, and which accuse the socialist workers of starting the story about Hindenburg taking orders from Wilhelm.

"Vorwärts now gets a well-deserved slap in the face," says the Tagezeitung.

Reads Between Lines.

Vorwärts however, reprints the kaiser's denial under the heading, "Does Wilhelm want to return? Does he sense the morning air?" It construes the last sentence of the telegram to mean that Wilhelm promises not to mix in German politics any longer as he lives at Doorn, and that he therefore figures on the time when he will no longer be living at Doorn.

"That comes Hindenburg, then comes he himself," says Vorwärts.

Even the democratic Tageblatt remarks that if Hindenburg did not return to Doorn at this time it was because "he was certain of the approval of his imperial majesty."

"Such comment must be expected," says Chairman Lohbell, "but no one can seriously believe that the former kaiser will return from exile."

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Labor Leaders Explain Stand of Coal Miners

Official Statement Sets Forth Reasons Why Proposed Wage Reduction Cannot Be Accepted.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 12.—Some of the reasons why the United Mine Workers of America decline to consider any proposition looking to a reduction in the wage scale of bituminous miners were set forth in a statement issued today by the international headquarters. Developments at the Cleveland conference of mine operators and the correspondence between Pittsburgh operators and John L. Lewis, brought forth the statement.

"People ask why the United Mine Workers of America refuse to stand for a reduction in miners' wages," the statement said. "In the first place there is a valid binding contract in effect between the United Mine Workers of America and the coal companies that employ union labor.

"Second, miners' wages are now too high. The basic wage rate is \$7.50 a day. If a miner was employed steadily every work day in the year at that rate he could earn \$200 a month. Most of them are employed half time or less.

"Third, a reduction in wages in the coal mines would not solve the problem of a stagnant coal industry. It would not increase the demand for coal nor sell an additional ton. There is a normal demand in the American market for approximately 500,000,000 tons of bituminous coal and that's all the market can possibly absorb. If coal were to sell at 50 cents a ton, the consuming public would not buy more than it could use.

"Fourth, a reduction in wages would not benefit the coal operators of the union fields, because such a reduction would immediately be followed by a higher reduction by operators in nonunion fields and the situation would then be the same as it was before any reduction was made."

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RACING DRIVER RUNS INTO CROWD

Havana, Cuba, April 12.—One person was killed and eight others seriously injured this afternoon when driver Rossum, the Austrian speed driver, lost control of his machine during the automobile races in Vedado, near Havana, and dashed into a crowd of spectators.

Rossum himself was seriously, if not mortally, injured.

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Won Fame When He Broke General Strike Through Calling Reservists to Colors.

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It is believed that if he decides not to undertake the task he will recommend that the job be offered to former Minister of Justice Rene Renoult, and accept for himself the portfolio of foreign affairs.

The seven times premier of France who is now debating the advisability of making his eighth government, discussed the matter with the retiring premier, M. Herriot, this afternoon. After that conference he stated that if he finds it impossible to form a government composed entirely of members of the majority party, the socialists, he will not accept the premiership.

American Clergy Escaped Woman Visit Jerusalem

Many Take Prominent Parts in Easter Services Held in Holy Land.

By The Associated Press.

Jerusalem, April 12.—Several American Catholic bishops, Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis figured prominently in today's Easter services in Jerusalem. The city was crowded with more pilgrims than at any time since pre-war days.

Under a hot sun, throngs poured all day past the Jaffa gate and through the narrow streets to the church of the Holy Sepulchre, where people of all religions and sects fought for standing room around the tomb of Christ.

Armenians, Coets, Arabs, Russians, Greeks, Syrians, Abyssinians, Americans, French, British and Spanish jostled one another in a bewildering variety of dress.

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Escaped Woman Slayer Caught

Winona Green, Who Killed Both Parents of Husband, Fails in Liberty Dash.

By Universal Service.

Memphis, Tenn., April 12.—Winona Green, confessed slayer of her husband's parents, who escaped last night from the county jail at Little Rock, was captured here today.

Police all over the south had been on the lookout for the young murderer since her sensational flight for freedom began late last night. These women, cellmates of Mrs. Green, who refused to join her in the jail-break, told prison authorities she had been sawing the bars of her cell window for more than a week. When the last bar was removed, she fastened a rope from bed sheets and dropped to the ground where friends apparently awaited her.

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FORECLOSURES ON FARM LOANS FEW

Washington, April 12.—Mortgage foreclosures by the federal farm loan system have amounted to only three tenths of one per cent of the loans made in the eight years of existence of the federal land banks and the joint stock land banks, it was disclosed today in an analysis by Commissioner R. A. Cooper.

Losses on real estate sales sustained by the banks during the period was "only equal to one day's net profits of the banks," he said, and pointed to the foreclosure record as evidence to the "essentially sound and stable condition of agriculture throughout the country."

Loans numbering 403,966, in the eight years aggregated \$1,525,138,923 and of the farms involved only 1,326 were acquired by the banks through foreclosure.

WOMAN SLAYER ESCAPES NOOSE

Atlanta, Ga., April 11.—An Easterner present of life was given Mrs. Ida Hughes, convicted murderer of her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. C. Hughes, when Governor Clifford Walker commuted her sentence of death to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Milledgeville. Governor Walker carried out the recommendation of the Georgia prison commission which sent the governor its findings after a hearing.

THIRD BOMBING BY HERRIN KLAN

Herrin, Ill., April 12.—The two-story frame home of John Pisoni, Italian, was partly wrecked here today by the second bomb explosion within a week and the third in little more than a month. Pisoni, who is a bachelor, was alone in the house and escaped injury. He is under bond for boot-legaling on charges brought by Ku Klux Klansmen.

Flight of Los Angeles Upon Easter Cancelled

Lakeland, N. J., April 12.—Unfavorable winds, which whipped out of the northwest at the rate of 30 or 40 miles an hour today forced officers of the project Easter flight of the dirigible Los Angeles.

Another attempt to remove the ship from its hangar will be made at dawn tomorrow and if weather conditions are favorable the test trip will be made over New York city as scheduled.

The Weather

For 24 hours ended at 7 p. m. April 12:
Precipitation, Omaha and Grand Island, 0.00; Lincoln, 0.00; Hastings, 0.00; Kearney, 0.00; Broken Bow, 0.00; Plattsmouth, 0.00; Nelso, 0.00; Norfolk, 0.00; North Platte, 0.00; Ogallala, 0.00; Ord, 0.00; Park, 0.00; Plattsmouth, 0.00; Red Cloud, 0.00; Sidney, 0.00; Valentine, 0.00; Wahoo, 0.00; Weir, 0.00; York, 0.00; Kearney, 0.00; Broken Bow, 0.00; Plattsmouth, 0.00; Nelso, 0.00; Norfolk, 0.00; North Platte, 0.00; Ogallala, 0.00; Ord, 0.00; Park, 0.00; Plattsmouth, 0.00; Red Cloud, 0.00; Sidney, 0.00; Valentine, 0.00; Wahoo, 0.00; Weir, 0.00; York, 0.00.

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It is believed that if he decides not to undertake the task he will recommend that the job be offered to former Minister of Justice Rene Renoult, and accept for himself the portfolio of foreign affairs.

The seven times premier of France who is now debating the advisability of making his eighth government, discussed the matter with the retiring premier, M. Herriot, this afternoon. After that conference he stated that if he finds it impossible to form a government composed entirely of members of the majority party, the socialists, he will not accept the premiership.

VON HINDENBURG TO LOSE SUPPORT

Berlin, April 12.—The Bavarian peasants' union, one of the parties which had been included in the coalition backing the candidacy of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, has bolted the ranks and come out for Dr. Marx instead.

The party issued an official statement today recommending the Marx candidacy but "without wanting to infringe on the freedom of conscience of members of the union."

It also became known today that campaign funds promised by a portion of the right bloc on the supposition that Dr. Marx was to be the candidate, have been withdrawn because the donors declared "business cannot carry the candidature of Hindenburg."

The contributions withdrawn are said to amount to 150,000 marks.

THREE HOLDUPS SATURDAY NIGHT

Three holdups were jotted down on the records of the police Saturday night.

O. F. Robison, operator of the one-man trolley car on the Carter lake line, was held up when he got out of the car to repair a broken trolley line. Robison showed fight when he was commanded to "stick up his hands" and the bandit lost his nerve and fled.

J. Egan, proprietor of a grocery at 1502 North Twenty-fourth street, lost \$225 when two negroes entered his store and held him at bay with a pistol while one of them looted the cash register.

The third holdup came when Harry Thomas, 2702 R street, reported he was robbed of \$88 by two negroes.

EASTER SERVICES CROWDED IN ROME

Rome, April 12.—Hundreds of thousands of Italians and holy year pilgrims from all parts of the world, including thousands from the United States, crowded to the doors of Rome's four basilicas this morning when pontifical eastern masses were celebrated with traditional gorgeousness by cardinal arch priests. Great throngs also filled the city's 400 churches, in each of which a joyous mass marking the end of holy week was celebrated. The church goers were favored with sunny weather.

The most splendid service was at St. Peter's where, amid splendor, decorations illuminated by shafts of sunlight, Cardinal Merry Del Val officiated as celebrant.

Earl of Balfour Leaves Reirut for Alexandria

Beirut, Syria, April 12.—The steamer Sphinx sailed today for Alexandria with the Earl of Balfour, who recently visited the Holy Land as a passenger. There were no untoward demonstrations.

It is officially announced that 12 gardeners were wounded and one rioter was killed by the Spahis in the disturbances in Damascus when Lord Balfour was there last week.

County Auditor Enjoined

County Auditor George B. Sparks was enjoined Saturday by District Judge O. D. Wheeler from collecting an alleged erroneous paving and curbing assessment, amounting to \$168.51, from J. J. Hartly and Grace Hartly, owners of property at Stuartman and East streets, Council Bluffs.

Ex-Kaiser's Cablegram Causes Stir

Hindenburg Pleased With Message From Wilhelm: Some Papers See Double Meaning in Statement.

Comment Quite General

By O. D. TOLJISCHUS, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, April 12.—The former kaiser's telegram to George Sylvester Viereck, published in America and immediately recalled here, created the greatest sensation in Germany, especially in political circles.

The cablegram was at once brought to the attention of Field Marshal Hindenburg by his campaign managers and was read by him with the greatest satisfaction. The assertion that while he is prepared to take the oath under the republican constitution he had really placed himself under the direction of the ex-kaiser was particularly resented by Hindenburg as a slur against his character and independence.

"The Universal Service deserves the thanks of all who believe in fairness for having definitely made an end to such an obvious lie," said Chairman Lohbell of the interparty Hindenburg committee.

Comment Is General.

The former kaiser's message is featured in newspapers of all shades of political opinion.