

MATTERS' JURY DISAGREES, QUILTS

President Proclaims Arbor Day

Names April 22 as Golden Anniversary of Tree Planting Day Instituted by Nebraskan.

Honors Sterling Morton

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent of The Bee. Washington, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A proclamation was issued today by President Harding setting apart the week beginning April 16 as "forest protection week," and designating April 22, the last day of that week, as the golden anniversary of Arbor day, established in Nebraska in 1872. This action was the subject of many highly laudatory expressions from members of the delegation which called on the president last Friday to urge this action.

Representative Jefferis, father of the plan of a national Arbor day in honor of the 50th anniversary of the first statewide tree-planting day, which J. Sterling Morton inaugurated in Nebraska a half century ago, was particularly pleased with the outcome of the call on the president and surprised that the chief executive in the midst of his multitude of cares should have acted with such celerity.

While I am delighted that the golden anniversary of Arbor day in our own state is to receive such a splendid recognition from our president by making the day national, I cannot help but believe that it is a tribute to one of the west's tireless builders, a man of fine character, broad vision and cultivated mind, J. Sterling Morton, one of the best secretaries of agriculture we ever had.

To have one's name connected with some law that has resulted in untold good to our people is fine, but to be the father of Arbor day and its untold possibilities, along the lines of conservation and forestation, is even a greater honor.

Representative McLaughlin said "the proclamation of the president in direct line with the efforts being put forth in the interest of conservation of our forests and timber supplies. The proclamation is timely and will be a great stimulus to the conservation movement. Being a Nebraskan I am especially glad that the Arbor day movement, which is a Nebraska innovation, is at last coming into its own and I hope to see the day when April 22 will be annually recognized as tree planting day throughout the nation."

With reference to Arbor day proclamation, Congressman Andrews, who accompanied the Nebraska delegation to the White House on Friday, said: "As soon as the Nebraska delegation called his attention to the subject, President Harding manifested keen interest and indicated quite clearly that he was in full sympathy with our call. While he did not commit himself we felt sure that his personal interest in the question would lead to the issuance of the proclamation."

Representative Reavis was also enthusiastic over the president's proclamation.

Physician Slain by Son After Threatened Attack. Womble, Ark., April 1.—A report reached here today of the killing of Dr. J. T. Tackett of Alamo by his 15-year-old son, Decker, last Sunday. At the inquest the boy was excused. According to the boy's testimony his father threatened to attack him with a razor and drove him from home. When he returned, Dr. Tackett, he said, snapped a pistol at him, whereupon he obtained a shotgun and fired one shot at his father.

Hobo Poet of Michigan Dies of Gunshot Wound. Granite City, Ill., April 1.—Paul F. Shoemaker, 32, of Menominee, Mich., who called himself a hobo poet and philosopher, died today at a local hospital from a bullet wound received Thursday night while riding a freight train. It has not been ascertained who fired the shot. Shoemaker recently assisted in organizing an unemployment committee in Los Angeles.

Lincoln Woman Convicted of Second Degree Murder



Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Willette Snooks was found guilty of second degree murder by a jury in district court here after deliberating four hours. The law provides a penalty of from 10 years to life imprisonment. It was charged that she stabbed to death her husband, Clyde Snooks, a taxi driver. The trial lasted two days.

When the verdict was read Mrs. Snooks was seated with her little son, Jackie, on her lap. She kissed the boy and started for her cell. She halted at the side of her divorced husband, Merwin Barackman, professional wrestler, who told the woman and wanted to remarry her. She embraced Barackman, kissed him and went to her cell. Her pluck failed when the steel doors closed and she collapsed on the floor. The prison physician was required to restore her.

Million and a Half Trees Will Be Planted in Nebraska Sand Hills

National Forest, Indirectly the Result of Arbor Day, Being Rapidly Increased From State Pine Nurseries. The 50th anniversary of Arbor day, established by the late J. Sterling Morton, once governor of Nebraska, has awakened unusual interest throughout the nation on the subject of tree planting. The anniversary will occur on the 22nd of this month and President Harding has proclaimed it the golden anniversary.

The establishing of the Nebraska National forest, in Thomas and Cherry counties, is due indirectly to the establishment of Arbor day. Jay Higgins, forest supervisor of the United States Department of Agriculture, Halsey, Neb., advises that this spring his department will plant 1,500,000 trees in the sand hills adjacent to Halsey.

Largest Acreage Yet Planted. "This number of trees will plant approximately 1,000 acres of sand hills, which is the largest acreage planted during any previous year since the establishment of the Nebraska forest," Mr. Higgins wrote. The late Dr. C. E. Bessey of the University of Nebraska promoted the nation of the Nebraska National forest during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. There are two divisions of the forest, both in the heart of the sand hill region. The Bessey division is in Thomas county and the Niobrara division is in Cherry county.

Nursery Named After Morton. The Morton nursery is located 10 miles south of Nelz, 35 miles west of Valentine and is on the Niobrara river. This nursery was named in honor of J. Sterling Morton, originator of Arbor day. The Bessey division and nursery was named in honor of Dr. Bessey, who was professor of botany at the state university. The interest of both these men in tree culture and afforestation is well known throughout the United States. Dr. Bessey's interest in this project was prompted by a knowledge of the possibilities of raising a forest in the sand hills region and thereby creating a local supply of lumber.

Police Head Attends Anti-Dry Secret Meet. Among the 42 men who attended the secret session of the Nebraska Association Opposed to Prohibition, which was formed Friday in the Hotel Fontenelle were: W. J. Foye, C. W. Hull, Dr. C. C. Hall, T. J. Nolan, J. H. Mithen, H. W. Dunn, Dr. L. A. Dermody, E. M. Leflang, Dr. Fred Wearne, George Forgan, J. B. Haynes, Dr. Ray Byrne and Dan Geilus. The complete roster of the charter membership is withheld until after the election of officers for the state organization, stated Sidney C. Legg, field director of the national association, who has been in Omaha for the last four weeks quietly organizing the state branch. Another meeting is scheduled for this week.

Prime Minister Lloyd George Faces Crisis

Lloyd George Faces Most Trying Situation of Career Over Genoa Conference Policy.

To Ask Confidence Vote

By The Associated Press. London, April 1.—Prime Minister Lloyd George will face the most trying situation in his premiership when he goes before the house of commons Monday. He will outline the main features of the government's policy at the coming Genoa conference and will move what is generally interpreted as a vote of confidence in the government, or at least in its Genoa program. Several times during the war and since the premier has gone into the house faced with an unfriendly or critical faction. Each of these incidents seemed to threaten his career, but every time he has ridden on the crest of the storm and emerged with an enhanced reputation for effective oratory, and political strategy. Old parliamentary hands declare these tactics of asking for a vote of confidence are without precedent. It has been customary, they say, for the opposition to propose a vote on want of confidence and when the government is able to command a majority, to substitute an amendment registering confidence. Tradition has been that the government assumes it has the confidence of the house unless a motion on want of confidence is brought forward.

Will Consider Russia. The crux of Monday's debate likely is to be how far it is proposed to go toward recognizing the Russian soviet government. There is strong opposition to full recognition among all parties except the labor party, and whatever measure of recognition is approved, there will be strong insistence that the bolshevik give guarantees to observe the amenities customary among nations and, particularly, recognize the old czarist government's debts.

A rather unhappy and embarrassing incident occurred at the end of Lloyd George's last visit to Wales. A local choir of 100 voices at Criceth had been organized to give a concert of Welsh music, in which the premier takes particular delight. An announcement was circulated that the concert would be given Sunday night, prior to his departure, in the Established church which possessed the only organ suitable for such singing and the largest seating capacity. Unhappily, the announcement, made without permission of the rector, who thereupon said the concert would not be given in his church because it was not in accordance with the church's custom. Hence, the concert was given in the United States and Germany.

U. S. Ambassador to Berlin Says He Will Promote Peace. New York, April 1.—A. J. Houghton, who sails today on the Olympic to take up his post as ambassador to Germany, declared in an address at a farewell dinner given in his honor that he would strive for a restoration of real peace and friendship between the people of the United States and Germany. "I do not believe," Mr. Houghton said, "in the moral or spiritual, or even the economic value of hate. Hate serves no useful purpose. It is far more dangerous to those who hate than to those who are hated. It leads only to confusion and destruction."

Woman Asks \$35,000 for Death of Husband by Train. Minneapolis, Minn., April 1.—(Special.)—A special administratrix of the estate of her husband, Mrs. Paul A. Starman has entered suit in the Hennepin county district court against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company for \$35,000.

Starman, employed as a trainman, was killed at Bridgeport, Neb., October 17, 1921, while uncoupling cars. Defective equipment is held by Mrs. Starman to have been responsible for the accident.

Wife and Baby Accompany Chicagoan on Burglaries. Chicago, April 1.—Driven to desperation because he was out of employment and his wife and baby were starving, Paul Hartung, 24, confessed, according to the police, that he had committed more than 300 burglaries during the last four months in the exclusive North Side residential district. During the burglaries, he said, his wife accompanied him and acted as lookout. And because there was no place to leave the year-old baby, they took it along in a perambulator in which the stolen articles were concealed.

Former Swedish Minister to United States Expires. Washington, April 1.—Announcement of the death of A. Grip, who for a number of years was minister from Sweden and Norway to the United States, was received today by the Swedish legation. The message said the former minister died in Switzerland. He represented both Norway and Sweden at Washington until the partitioning of these countries in 1905.

Say, We're Going to Need That Next Winter!



Coal Miners of U. S. Respond to Call for Strike

U. S. Decided on Policy of Nonintervention and Is Concerned Only With Protection of Public. Washington, April 1.—Government operation of the coal mines was suggested in a statement today by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, chairman of the senate labor committee.

Bridgeport, O., April 1.—With an apparent enforced vacation of a few months ahead of them, approximately 10,000 foreign born miners are preparing to visit relatives across the sea, according to Frank Ledvinka, subdistrict president. Several had passports ready and left for New York today to take passage.

after conferences with representatives of miners and operators. The senator said this was the alternative if the coal industry was not reorganized.

Benton, Ill., April 1.—Spasmodic shooting occurred today in various sections of southern Illinois, where the miners' strike is reported as 100 per cent complete. Jesse Henson, night chief of police of Duquoin, was shot and wounded seriously and Policeman Walter Sorce was wounded slightly by Harry Reid, a miner, early today.

First day of the nation wide suspension fell on the anniversary of the adoption of the eight hour day, April 1, 1898. As the day has been (Turn to Page Six, Column Two).

Marshal Recaptures Man Who Escaped Two Years Ago. Chicago, April 1.—Two years ago Frank Morris was sentenced by former Judge K. M. Landis to serve a year in federal prison at Leavenworth for the theft of a parcel post package and Thomas Doonan, deputy United States marshal, was given the task of delivering him to prison authorities. Near Kansas City, the prisoner plunged through a car window and escaped.

Today Doonan was going to lunch during the noon rush hour. A pedestrian slipped and clutched the deputy marshal for support. As the man regained his feet there was mutual recognition. It was Morris and Doonan will again start for Leavenworth with him.

Government Without Funds to Pay Dollar Year Men During War

Washington, April 1.—The United States may be the wealthiest nation in the world, but its treasury cannot cash a check for 19 cents, issued to one of the dollar-a-year men who served it during the war. Hugo D. Newhouse, San Francisco attorney, served as a dollar-a-year man with the War department for two and one-half months prior to the armistice. He wanted the check as a souvenir and enlisted the efforts of Senator Shortridge of California to get it. It came yesterday, but on one corner was endorsed the notation that no funds were immediately available to pay it. The amount was computed on the actual basis of \$1 a year.

Senator Shortridge, in sending the check to his constituent, urged that he be lenient in attempting to force collection of the amount.

New Bank at Fremont Is Being Considered. Lincoln, April 1.—(Special.)—Advice of Governor McKelvie and Attorney General Davis has been sought by persons interested in attempting to obtain a charter for a new state bank at Fremont.

The recent failure of the First National bank at Fremont and the consolidation of the other three national banks into a single institution has inspired certain residents of Fremont to desire a new bank, according to J. E. Hart, secretary of trade and commerce.

Otto Schurman, who was formerly president of the Commercial National bank at Fremont, and is still at the head of the Home Savings bank, accompanied by an attorney called on the attorney general and Governor McKelvie.

As yet, formal application for a charter has not been filed, but according to Hart, a movement is under way to start a new bank. Hart refused to comment on the Fremont banking situation.

Riley Smith Is Found Guilty of Bank Robbery

Omaha Man Convicted in Wahoo Court—Jury Works Fast to Escape Sunday Session. Wahoo, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Riley Smith of Omaha was found guilty of robbing the State Bank of Ithaca by a jury in district court here. They deliberated 26 hours.

The jury reported at 6 that they were unable to agree and asked to be dismissed. Judge Corcoran ordered them to return to the jury room and continue deliberations Sunday. At 8:30 they reported that they had reached a verdict of guilty.

Smith was positively identified by the cashier and a woman bookkeeper of the bank as one of the bandits who held them up at 1:30 in the afternoon. Smith and a number of witnesses testified that he arrived at the Ray Lampert home at 1:15 on the day of the robbery and did not leave until late that night.

J. M. Lampert, father of Ray Lampert, who testified for Smith, was called and said he was at the farm at 1:50 and that Smith had not arrived when he left. His testimony impeaching that of his son, is said to have been largely responsible for breaking down the alibi of the Omaha man.

Bank Clearings for March Show Gain Over February. Bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were \$35,217,690.35. For the corresponding week last year they were \$36,027,880.40, and for last week they were \$37,683,083.82.

Clearings for March were increased materially over those of February, according to Omaha Clearing House association figures. Clearings for March were \$182,792,518.85. For February they were \$136,651,577.92.

Bradstreet placed Omaha 13th in bank clearings among the larger cities of the United States last week.

Agreement Impossible, Judge Told

Final Ballot, According to Members, Was 11 to 1 for Conviction—Accused Man Calm. Second Trial Necessary. Thomas H. Matters is to stand a second trial.

This was the announcement made by Judge Dorsey of the state attorney general's office at 7:40 last night when the Matters jury, after deliberating 76 hours, announced that it could not agree.

The verdict stood 11 to 1, the majority for conviction. Matters, who is charged with aiding and abetting in embezzlement of Pioneer State bank funds in connection with the purchase of Colonial Timber and Coal corporation stock, sat with outward calm as the jury filed in. His counsel, Halleck Rose, sat in the chair in front of him.

Bond Fixed at \$5,000. Matters' bond was fixed at \$5,000. A legal technicality in the bond he has been held under for the past several weeks was corrected. Removing the jury to an adjoining courtroom after it had reported the disagreement, Judge Gosz talked 15 minutes, chiefly on the charges brought against the jury by Halleck Rose, attorney for Matters, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Rose charged that the bailiff, Wesley G. Templeton, took one of the jurors out for a walk at 6 yesterday morning, leaving the other 11 with no one to charge.

Prejudice Charged. The other charge was that Bert C. Andrews, foreman, was guilty of prejudicial misconduct in that he repeatedly told other jurors that in the course of his business he had recently visited the vicinity of the lands claimed by the Colonial Timber and Coal corporation, convinced that the defendant should have known there was no chance of getting clear title to the land.

Jurors Deny Charges. The jurors denied the charges. S. Mandelson, the juror alleged to have been the one taken out by the bailiff, signed an affidavit swearing the charge was false. The other jurors signed a second document, affirming the affidavit.

"I regret very much that we have to discharge this jury," said Judge Gosz in the course of his remarks. "A new trial will be granted at the expense of the county. But I am sure that you have done your best."

He complimented the jurors on their behavior during the trial and especially during the confinement as jurors.

Packer Says Supply of Good Steers Low

"There seems to be a decided deficiency in the supply of good steers," is shown by expert figures and experience that it has never paid to raise low-bred cattle and the man raises a scrub is the loser.

"I could never understand," said the packing house man, "why anyone should breed scrub cattle as it is shown by expert figures and experience that it has never paid to raise low-bred cattle and the man raises a scrub is the loser."

"It costs little more to breed good animals than those of low grade and it costs less to fit them for market. The well-bred stock always brings more on the market than those of careless breeding, and the best way to win in the cattle or other livestock business is the production of better animals and giving them more intelligent care."

Bomb Exploded on Porch of Omaha; Boys Suspected. A small bomb, believed to have been the result of a boy's prank, exploded on the porch of the home of Tom Panelliano, head of the Burgess-Nash shoe repairing department, 3106 Lincoln boulevard, at 8 Friday morning, charring the porch, shaking the house and rousing the neighborhood.

Panelliano refused to be alarmed. The bomb was made of cast iron pipe, six inches long, filled with powder, with a hole bored for the fuse. Mr. and Mrs. Panelliano and their three children were in the house at the time.

Alleged Robbers Caught. Port Townsend, Wash., April 1.—Eight days of man hunting in the Olympic peninsula resulted this morning in the capture of two men, said by Sheriff Phil Case to be the robbers of the State bank at Sequim and the pair that held up a logging company and killed a logger.

Henry Michelstetter Dead. Sioux City, Ia., April 1.—City Councilman Henry Michelstetter, well known in Iowa labor and S. A. O. U. U. circles, died last night after a long illness. His term of office would have ended Monday. He had been engaged in the printing trade here 35 years.

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The Weather. Forecast. Sunday probably showers; somewhat warmer. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 31, 6 a. m. 32, 7 a. m. 33, 8 a. m. 34, 9 a. m. 35, 10 a. m. 36, 11 a. m. 37, 12 noon 38, 1 p. m. 39, 2 p. m. 40, 3 p. m. 41, 4 p. m. 42, 5 p. m. 43, 6 p. m. 44, 7 p. m. 45, 8 p. m. 46, 9 p. m. 47, 10 p. m. 48, 11 p. m. 49, 12 noon 50.

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