

### WOMAN IS AN ARTIST IN PASSING CHECKS

Several Stores Are Trimmed For Large Quantities of Goods.

### MANY HOLDING THE SACK

Such a flock of bad checks has a certain woman passed on the leading retail stores of Omaha within the last week that the retailers are seriously considering the matter of instituting rules regarding the cashing of checks fully as strict as those employed by the banks themselves.

It is possible that a rule will soon be made among the retailers requiring a customer to identify himself or herself and show that he or she has a sufficient bank account to take up the checks offered before they will be cashed.

This woman has operated in Omaha since last Tuesday. She operated swiftly and as smoothly as an eel. The result is that the Thomas Kilpatrick company, the Brandeis stores, Haydens, Orkins, Thompson-Belden, the Nebraska Clothing company and other concerns are holding handfuls of bad checks issued by this woman under various names.

### Passes Twenty Bogus Checks.

Fully twenty checks she slipped into the hands of these people within five days, and every time she carried her new skirts, her new silk waists, her new hats, her new shoes and all the rest of the things she bought, carry with her. Surely she would not carry them—she would not think of bothering the stores to ask to have things delivered.

Yes, she looked like a desirable customer. Why not? She asked for no deliveries. She bought a high grade of goods at each place, and she never asked for credit.

No, she never asked for credit. She always wormed her hand into a fine mesh bag or hand bag, and drew forth a handsome check book on the United States National bank.

"Would you mind letting me have your pencil a moment please?" she would ask with fine courtesy of the clerk.

"Certainly, certainly," would be the invariable reply.

Then she would write a check for the exact amount of her purchase. She would sign it with any name that chanced to pop into her memory.

Once it was Mrs. Mason, once Mrs. Douglas, once Mrs. Weston, again it was something else, and sometimes she was Edith, sometimes Mary, sometimes Anna; but whatever the name, she signed it with equal facility.

### Leaves Her Address.

Then, oh, yes, she must put her address on the back of the check. She knew that, of course. So she would scribble her address on. Always it was somewhere in the neighborhood of the 2600 block on Douglas street.

The manager of the department invariably put his "O. K." on the check, and the woman flounced out carrying her bundles.

The retailers feel convinced the same woman nipped all of them, for all of the twenty checks bear about the same handwriting. At each place she borrowed a pencil from the clerk. In each case her check book was on the United States National bank, and in each case she drew it from the depths of a hand bag or mesh bag.

So Brandeis, Kilpatrick, Orkin, Nebraska Clothing company, Thompson-Belden are looking for a woman 30 or 35 years old, 5 feet and a half tall, weighing 130 pounds, wearing a black ship straw sailor hat, a blue skirt and white shirt waist.

### Notes From Yankton.

Yankton, S. D. July 29.—(Special.)—Ben Bullis of Benson, Neb., harvest hand, fell between the cars on a midnight freight and was taken to a hospital with a compound fracture of the left thigh. Thirty harvesters, the victims of the Tripp wreck, are already in the hospital here.

The Yankton County Record is a new weekly that has made its appearance here, with E. A. Kaech as editor. Political reasons are given for the advent of the new paper. Mr. Kaech has been deputy county superintendent of schools.

A street paving contractor, faced by a noon strike as he was just finishing a section, appealed to Yankton men, and Engineer S. Edmunds, D. B. Corney and other business men finished the "fill" and saved the section.

### The Greatest Pain Killer.

Sloan's Liniment goes right to the seat of pain; simply lay it on—you do not have to rub. 25c. All drug stores.—Adv.

### RAIN IS FALLING OVER WESTERN PART OF STATE

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for seed will be the most profitable acres in Nebraska.

The predictions of good quality of wheat continue to be borne out by the threshing. David City says wheat is about 35 per cent threshed. Wheat tests vary from sixty to sixty-five pounds with very little underweight. Gregory, S. D., reports serious injury to the spring wheat crop with black rust.

The rains at Billings, Mont., seem to be moving toward western Nebraska. Gillette, Wyo., reporting a heavy rain. The northwestern section of Nebraska continues cloudy, with early temperatures in the western part of the state slightly lower than Friday morning.

Chicago, July 29.—Little relief from the intense heat was held out by the government forecaster here today. An area of low barometric pressure which last night reached North and South Dakota was reported in advices today to be gradually dying out and a moderation in temperature which it was thought might reach this section Monday was reported to be a dubious possibility.

Lake breezes tempered the heat in Chicago only slightly today. The temperature at 11:30 a. m. was 94. Deaths from heat prostration in Chicago are increasing, twenty-six being reported to the police and coroner between 6 a. m. and noon today.

### Bulgars Take Serb Defenses, Says Serbia

Sofia, Bulgaria, July 29.—The repulse of attacks on the Bulgarian lines along the Macedonian front on July 25 was announced today by the war office, which states that counter attacks resulted in the capture by the Bulgarians of hostile trenches.

The statement says that on July 27 there was weak cannonading along the entire Macedonian front and some patrol guards, which resulted favorably to the Bulgarians.

On the 25th an enemy battalion, provided with machine guns and supported by a battery of mountain artillery and a battery of howitzers attacked our advanced detachments on Rakovo-Shorok front. All the attacks were repulsed with enemy losses. Our troops subsequently carried out counter attacks and captured enemy trenches.

From the 25th to the 27th, a Serbian division tried to occupy the heights north of the village of Pojar, but they were thrown back to the plain after suffering considerable losses.

Fanning to Take Over the Postoffice Monday Evening

The Omaha postoffice will be turned over to Charles E. Fanning, newly appointed postmaster, at 5 p. m. Monday with short ceremonies in the south court room of the federal building. Retiring Postmaster John C. Wharton will make an address. As many postoffice employees as can get off duty will be present.

### HYMENEAL.

#### Mayberry-Fleming.

Percilla Fleming and Tom Mayberry, both of Atlantic, Ia., were married by Rev. Charles W. Sawidge at his residence Friday evening at 9. They were accompanied by Miss Carrie Lewis and H. C. Gandstaff of Council Bluffs.

Nelson-Graybeal. Edward Nelson and Grace Graybeal, both of Des Moines, Ia., were united in marriage by Rev. B. Robert von der Lippe, pastor of the Clifton Hill Presbyterian church, in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian association at 10:25 a. m. Saturday. Misses Lenice J. Huse and Ruth E. Dutcher witnessed the ceremony.

McMeen-Reitter. John W. McMeen and Olive M. Reitter, both of Lincoln, were married in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian association Saturday morning. Rev. B. Robert von der Lippe performed the ceremony. Misses Ruth E. Dutcher and Alice Boles were witnesses.

### DEATH RECORD.

#### Mathew H. Walker.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 29.—Mathew H. Walker, banker and capitalist, died here at midnight last night of cancer of the intestines. Mr. Walker came to Utah in the 50's and with his brothers opened the first bank in the city. He was one of the wealthiest men in the state and was widely known for his great business ability and his charities. He was 71 years of age.

### Judge Kubat Weakens When He Hears Howell Wants to Debate

It takes a pleader of a very high order to escape a fine at the hands of Police Judge Kubat, Nemesis of auto speeders, avenger of glaring headlights, silencer of cut-outs.

Frank S. Howell, ex-United States district attorney, was brought before the awful tribunal in police court.

Frank drives a big, high-powered car. He drives it, too. He doesn't just saunter along. Nothing grieves him more than to see someone pass him on the road. And he loves to go 'round corners on two wheels.

But let us not keep the ex-district attorney standing guiltily before the august tribunal with the baleful, austere and stern eye of Judge Kubat upon him.

For once Mr. Howell was the accused. Scores of times in the course of his career he had been the accuser. It was a novelty to him.

The traffic officer stated the charge.

### BAKER COMES BACQ WITH HIS ANSWER

Explains Method of Transportation of Guards to the Border.

### FOOD, AND PLENTY OF IT

Washington, July 29.—In response to the house resolution of inquiry Secretary Baker today made a report on the transportation of National Guardsmen to the border. The resolutions asked for information on charges that the guardsmen had been transported in day coaches, that their trains had been unreasonably sidetracked and that they were insufficiently fed and cared for.

Secretary Baker says the guardsmen in some instances were transported in day coaches, but that no cars without lights were used and that troop trains were not sidetracked unreasonably. Regular army rations more than sufficient for the journey were furnished all troops, he asserts, either on leaving mobilization camps or en route, and that all cars used were inspected to remedy defects or deficiencies that would imperil health or safety of troops.

Use of Day Coaches. The report says day coaches were used only in cases where owing to the urgency of the situation and the large number of troops being moved at one time, it was not practical to delay. When day coaches were used it explains, three men were assigned to each four seats. In some cases, railroads, without extra charge, allowed two men to occupy four seats. Wherever it could be done, arrangements were made to transfer troops from day coaches to tourist sleepers.

Regarding rations, the secretary reports that where cooking equipment was not placed on trains, the men were furnished with money to buy hot coffee, the same as troops of the regular army are allowed under similar conditions. No reason existed for troops seeking food from civilians, Secretary Baker asserts, and drinking water was plentiful.

No Need to Seek Food. There was no reason for troops seeking food of citizens en route, he added. "It is not possible unless rations have been thrown away, that

troops which have been reported short of rations could have been short. Every precaution was taken to see that they started with an ample supply. These troops are largely recruits, untrained and undisciplined, and under officers of comparatively little experience."

Acting Quartermaster General Sharpe reported that to have moved all the troops in Pullman or tourist cars would have required 3,000 cars. The Pullman company made available 80 per cent of all tourist cars it owns.

Representative Slayden, who all through the Mexican trouble has been one of the administration's critics for not using the Guard on the border, spoke in the house today in commendation of the condition of the guardsmen and conditions on the border generally.

"We now have an army on the Mexican border and across the international boundary so well prepared for any prospective duty that no citizen need give himself the slightest uneasiness as to what will happen," he said.

Mr. Slayden declared troops had been moved without hitch and with all dispatch necessary.

### Nebraska and Iowa Men Confirmed for Army Promotions

Washington, July 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The latest list of army promotions nominated to the senate has completed the cavalry arm share. They are now in the hands of a subcommittee of the senate military affairs committee and will no doubt all be confirmed.

There has not been an objection to a single confirmation in the many hundreds of army officers nominated for promotion since July 1. The last promotions named, those of the cavalry, include to be captain from first lieutenant: Nebraska—Fred Mears. Iowa—Rodman Butler, Eugene J. Ely, E. J. Pike. Kansas—Charles S. Hoyt, Leon W. Prunty. South Dakota—Harry L. King, Emil P. Laurson.

Horace Logan McBride, field artillery, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant, as has Fred Beler Inglis, infantry; both are Nebraskans.

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### WAR MAY PUT END TO FRENCH DUELLING

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### RIDICULE FOR 'SCRAPPERS'

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Paris, July 29.—The duel is one of the ancient institutions of France that has fallen into neglect during the war. The last sensational encounter on the "field of honor"—a bloodless one—took place after the election of the Chamber of Deputies in 1914, not long before hostilities broke out. It was between Joseph Caillaux, former minister of finance, and his unsuccessful opponent, Louis d'Ailleres. Caillaux fired into the air and d'Ailleres fired into the ground.

Since that meeting M. d'Ailleres has been grievously wounded on an intermediary officer between the firing line and the command in the rear, he was hit by a fragment of a shell that claimed him, probably for life.

May Be No More Duels. It is attributed to the fact that so many Frenchmen like M. d'Ailleres

have shed their blood on the battlefield that the duel has been abandoned and there is a well-defined sentiment that it has come to an end for good and all.

Some credit the "sacred union" of parties and classes with this reform, while there are certain proofs that it is due to popular depreciation of personal conflicts between Frenchmen while "the Germans are still at Noyon." The "sacred union" has not prevented disputes and provocations.

Two men contesting for a favorable place from which to witness a review of troops on the Esplanade des Invalides came to blows and one of them tossed his card to the other.

"If you are so eager to fight" cried a bystander, "why don't you do as those boys did" pointing to some armless and legless soldiers lined up before the troops to be decorated.

Can Fight at Verdun. Two young men in a popular cafe exchanged sarcasms, followed by insults, blows and an exchange of cards. "To Verdun with them!" cried the spectators. "Put them out!"

The manager threw both of them into the street where the idlers jeered them until in common defense they made up their quarrel and walked off together.

There are two hypotheses regarding the duel after war. In some cases the disputants have both been combatants in the great war and will find it ridiculous to make a show of courage against each other after having

already shown it together many times against a common enemy. If they are not both combatants, they will, one or both of them, have been heroes of the "rear" to whom public opinion will say "No! No fighting." If you were so thirsty for blood and so particular about honor, you would have gotten your satisfaction out of the Germans.

### Menace Plant is Damaged by Bombs

Springfield, Mo., July 29.—Three bombs exploded beneath the floor of the Menace Publishing plant at Aurora, Mo., at 4:15 o'clock this morning, slightly damaged the publishing company plant and set fire to a mass of copies of Menace, an anti-Catholic publication, just off the press. The flames were soon extinguished.

The explosions set fire to the papers fresh from the presses, but the flames were extinguished quickly. From the manner in which the bombs were placed it is believed an attempt was made to destroy all the publishing company's presses.

This week's issue of the Menace, dated August 5, carried several election articles.

President on a Cruise. Washington, July 29.—President and Mrs. Wilson left Washington late this afternoon for a week-end cruise on the naval yacht Mayflower down Chesapeake bay.

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6 1/2 yards Yellow Plaid Organdie; regularly 35c a yard. Remnant, 98c.

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