

# HUGE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE WILL PURSUE BANDITS

### Commercial and Professional Men Form Organization to Break Up Gang of Omaha Automobile Thieves.

A huge vigilance committee, made up of representatives of the various civic organizations of Omaha, with leaders in all of the different commercial, industrial and professional activities of the city as members, is being formed for the purpose of putting a stop to automobile stealing in Omaha.

Work in perfecting the new vigilance committee has been in progress for weeks and it is believed a meeting of the men proposed for membership will be called within the next 24 hours for the purpose of outlining a program and mapping out a plan of campaign that will result in permanently breaking up the gang of organized automobile thieves and "enfences" which has had its headquarters here, and which, during the three years it has been operating has confiscated automobile property belonging to Omaha citizens and residents of Nebraska and Iowa towns to the value of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Through the activity of the police department, resulting from publicity given to conditions here, automobile thefts in Omaha have decreased from an average of 8 per day to comparatively nothing. There has not been a report of a stolen car made to the police department since August 14. In the meantime the department has recovered more stolen cars than the total loss reported since the first of the month.

### Police Are Capable.

This proves to the persons interested in the organization of the new vigilance committee that the police intelligently cope with the situation if they are permitted to do so without hindrance to their efficiency, and it is to secure this efficiency and procure permanent results that the new organization is being brought about.

The new organization will co-operate with the police and with all other agencies that are designed to cope with the problem of wholesale automobile stealing and the promoters feel confident of obtaining such permanent results as will make it hazardous and dangerous for criminals, or their abettors to engage in the business in the future.

### Wants Divorce Because His Wife Would Not Live Here

W. B. Lano says, in his petition for divorce, filed Friday in district court, that his wife, Helen, refused to come from Chicago and live with him in Omaha when he secured a position here in June, 1917. In July, 1918, he alleges, she came here, took a room at a hotel, telephoned to him and when he appeared, beat him and heaped unsavory epithets upon him. He is willing to give her alimony but wants a divorce.

### Charge Food Violation to Election Tour of Manager

Representatives of the Columbus Bottling works entered a plea of guilty to charges of violating the food administration's sugar rules today. The infraction was explained as either a clerical error or ignorance of the regulations on the part of the office force.

### Council Refuses Contract for Fifty Trash Receptacles

City council voted against awarding to an Evansville, Ind., firm a three-year contract to permit placing 50 trash receptacles at down town corners. The proposed terms were that the company would place the receptacles without cost to the city and would collect revenue for advertising space.

### Burglars Attempt to Blow Douglas Shoe Company Safe

The store of the Douglas Shoe company at 2413 N street was entered last night through a back window and an attempt was made to blow the safe. Nitroglycerin was used. The fuse burned to within an inch of the charge and went out. Evidently the thief was scared out before a second attempt could be made. Three dollars was taken from the cash drawer.

### Makes Application for Passage Across the Pond

Miss Dorothy R. Ringwalt, who is going to France to serve the Red Cross as a canteen worker, Thursday made application at federal headquarters for a transport to England and France.

## Garbage Issue Still Daily Subject With Omaha City Council

Like a certain ghost of dramatic renown, the garbage question will not down, wherefore the city commissioners are lugubrious.

Two weeks ago the council awarded James Whalen a contract for buying at \$2.55 per ton all garbage hauled by the city. Mr. Whalen has advised the city that he will not enter into a contract.

Commissioner Ringer, who has charge of the garbage department, submitted to the council a resolution in which he proposed that the city shall establish a hog-feeding yard and use the garbage hauled by the city. He proposed that the yard should hold 5,000 hogs and that the city planning board draw the plans. The resolution was voted down.

Commissioner Butler renewed his proposal that the city vote bonds for incinerators. Mayor Smith suggested that new bids shall be advertised for.

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### From Barrel Wrestler to Oil Baron is Raise of Former Omaha Man

From wrestling barrels to head of the Standard Oil company of Indiana is the remarkable advance in the business world made by Lauren J. Drake, formerly of Omaha.

Forty-two years ago he started wrestling barrels for the same company of which he is now head at Keokuk. Now he sits in an impressive collection of offices in Chicago as president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana. Following his apprenticeship he came to Omaha as general western manager and lived here until 1896, when he was transferred to Chicago. In 1902 he attained a desk in 26 Broadway, New York City, as chairman of the domestic trade committee for eight years and later was director of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

Upon the dissolution in 1912 he returned to the Indiana corporation as vice president. Following the death of W. P. Cowan, he succeeded him as president of the company. His son, S. C. Drake, will take his place on the directorate.

### Market Gardeners Are Forced to Leave Farms As Their Crops Dry Up

Dry weather has practically put the truck gardeners around Omaha out of business for this year and there is a marked scarcity of all sorts of home grown products to be found on the market tables.

Gardeners in many cases are cleaning up their affairs on the small farms and are coming to the city for jobs, leaving the women folks at home to handle what little remains.

### Nebraska to Send Out More Men for Limited Service Army Work

Nebraska has received two new calls for national army men. The state is to furnish 96 negro soldiers and Omaha will furnish 86 of them, as follows: Board No. 1, 5; No. 2, 10; No. 3, 45; No. 4, 11; No. 5, 10. They will entrain from Omaha September 1 for Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.

The second call is for 400 limited service men. Omaha's quota of this call is 81 men; No. 1 will furnish 7; No. 2, 18; No. 3, 15; No. 4, 18; No. 5, 14; No. 6, 9.

The limited service men will go to Fort Riley, Kan., the first week in September.

### Librarian Plans Another Drive for Books for Soldiers

Another drive for books for the men in military service will be promoted by Miss Tobit, public librarian. She believes that this is an opportune time for such a drive, as many are moving from their summer to their winter homes and do not wish to be burdened by extra books.

### Will Enroll Students in High School Next Week

Enrollment for the fall term will begin Monday at the Central High school. Starting at 8:30 o'clock in the morning each day the students will enroll by classes. Seniors will register Monday, juniors Tuesday, sophomores Wednesday, freshmen who have had a semester's work Thursday, and new freshmen Friday.

### Texan Arrested Here as a Deserter; Taken to Funston

Joseph Tharps, 28-year-old registrant of Dallas, Tex., was arrested in Omaha Friday by federal agents and sent to Camp Funston, Kan., to answer charges of deserting the army. Tharps was called to army service but failed to appear.

## ALLEGED "KING" OF AUTO THIEVES FOUND GUILTY

### Children Identify Izze Firsche as the Man Who Stole Brunning Auto from Street.

Izze Firsche, alleged "king" of auto bandits, was arraigned in police court Friday morning on a charge of grand larceny, in connection with the theft of an automobile belonging to Julius J. Brunning, a farmer, living on rural route No. 4, South Side. This was the fourth time within two weeks that Firsche has been arraigned in connection with auto thefts in Omaha.

Oowetch Brunning, 13-year-old daughter of Brunning, testified that on August 2 she was sitting in her father's automobile, which was parked at Seventeenth and Dodge streets, when a man answering Firsche's description came to the car and told her to go and help her mother, who was shopping in Hayden's store, carry some bundles. She said she was afraid of the man and went into the store to find her mother. When she and her mother returned a few minutes later the car was missing. It has not been recovered. Her brother, Francis, 10 years old, also testified that he had seen the same man loitering about the machine shortly before it was stolen. Firsche was bound to the district court on a \$2,000 bond.

On August 13 Firsche was bound over to the district court on two charges of grand larceny for the alleged theft of automobiles. The bond was fixed at \$1,000 on each count. On August 13 he was arraigned on a charge of receiving stolen property, after testimony showed a stolen car had been recovered by detectives in a garage which Firsche had rented.

### Fort Omaha Balloon Men to Military Ball at Krug Park

Balloon school men of the 20th company are to have an official outing and dance at Krug park next Tuesday night for the benefit of the company fund. Among the features will be a military grand march, led by the men of the 20th balloon company, and some patriotic songs by a quartet of soldiers from the same company.

### No Need to Go to France to See Motor Service in War

Women will not need to go to France as ambulance drivers to see motor service, according to Miss Margaret Riley of the Red Cross salvage headquarters.

There is great need for women who will devote a part of their time to driving a truck for the salvage corps, says Miss Riley. These volunteers will act as censors on the goods donated, as there has been much useless material hauled to the headquarters. There will be no heavy work required, as boys will accompany the drivers to carry all packages.

### Captain Markel Leaves for Embarkment Port in East

Capt. P. H. Markel, former manager of the Millard hotel, was ordered to a port of embarkment yesterday, and from there will sail to "some place in France" for overseas duty in the quartermaster's department of the expeditionary forces.

### Dick Kitchen Shot Three Times—with Serum Gun

Private Dick Kitchen, former manager of the Paxton hotel, and now serving his country in the quartermaster's department at Fort Omaha, was shot yesterday.

In fact he was shot three times with a prophylactic gun and received three charges of serum in his body as a typhus preventive.

### Strike of Omaha Ice Men Averted by Compromise

A threatened strike by 30 employees of the Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company was averted by intervention of the federal, state and city employment bureau. The men were getting 42½ cents an hour. They wanted 50 cents and a compromise was effected by giving them 47½ cents.

# Brandeis Stores

## THE MEN'S STORE

Special Today Only—Cow Hide Bags, \$5.00

Matting Suit Cases, \$1.65 Up to \$2.98

### Away Go Men's Furnishings at These Prices

#### Shirts, Half Hose, Bathing Suits, Union Suits

Better step lively and get some of these—two big groups of Shirts and scores of other good offerings here for Saturday—that will bring a crowd.

### Shirts, \$1.00

All the broken lots and lines from our regular stock that sold up to \$2.00. In Soisette, Percalé, Crepe and Corded Madras. Band collar with soft turnover and laundered cuffs; collar attached. Military and flat laydown collar styles.

About 2,000 Shirts in this group.



### Shirts, \$2.95

Odd lots of Pure Silk and Silk Fiber Shirts; taken from our regular selling lines that sold up to \$5.50, some even more. Jap Tub Silks and Broadcloth Silks, some slightly soiled; also Corded Silk Fiber Shirts in very handsome designs; all sizes, but not in all lots.

About 30 dozen in all.

### Men's Hosiery, 19c

About 200 dozen Men's Half Hose, run of the mill grade; Silk Fiber, Lisle and Egyptian Cotton; in black, white, tan and other desirable colors that usually sell up to 35c pair.

### Annual Sale Semi-Manhattan Shirts Will Continue

Remarkable Values in Good Shirts

Manhattan Percalé Shirts, \$2.00 values at.....	\$1.65
Manhattan Madras Shirts, \$2.50 values, at.....	\$1.85
Manhattan Corded Madras Shirts, \$3.00 values, at.....	\$2.15
Manhattan Silk Striped Madras Shirts, \$4 and \$4.50 values, \$3.15	
Manhattan Silk and Cotton Weave Shirts, \$5 values.....	\$3.85
Manhattan Fiber Silk and Silk Shirts, \$6.50 values, at.....	\$4.85

Main Floor, Men's Bldg.

### Men's Union Suits At 55c

50 dozen of the Manhattan Athletic Union Suits, made of good quality nainsook; suits that are so good at this price that you should stock up for next season as well as this. In fact you would be glad to pay 89c for them ordinarily.

### Men's Summer Suits---Choice Entire Stock

#### Garments That Were \$15 to \$20

# \$10.00

A limited quantity of odd suits—only one of a kind and the most extraordinary value you have seen this season at this price. Don't delay—be one of the first to come here Saturday. Suits that you cannot duplicate under \$15 to \$20.

Mohairs, Serges, Scotch Tweeds and Home-spuns—One Big Lot at One Little Price \$10



### Men's and Young Men's Trousers

#### \$2.00 to \$6.50

Hundreds of pairs to choose from—excellent materials and the best patterns and colorings.

### Advance Showing Hart Schaffner & Marx Top Coats

Officers Uniforms at Reduced Prices. Home Guard Uniforms Now \$10.75.

Second Floor, Men's Bldg.



### Men's New Fall Hats

#### Featuring Many Novelties Unusual Values

Conservative and extreme effects; everything that Fashion has approved in inexhaustible variety. The very style you require in just the exact size you need. It is easy to make a satisfactory choice from such a wonderful stock.

Stetson Hats, at \$5.00, \$6.00 and up to.....	\$20.00
F. Berg & Co., New York, Soft Hats, at.....	\$4.00 and \$5.00
Venito Light Weight Italian Hats, at.....	\$5.00
The J. R. Gillendeau & Co., New York, Soft Hats, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50	
The Genuine Borsalino Hats, sold here at.....	\$5.00

### Take Proper Exercise In the Great Outdoors

Get a good outfit and play tennis, golf or enjoy any other sport that you like—these are the days when you will want to be physically fit—so get in line.

Men's and Boys' White Tennis Shoes, either high or low, your choice on Saturday, 95c a pair

We Can Supply your needs in Fishing Tackle. All kinds of Bait, Poles, Lines, Minnows, Buckets, etc. Stock up right now.

Do You Need a new Golf Club? We have a big line of Spalding and McGregor Golf Goods—Clubs, Bags, Balls and all accessories.

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