

## Censorship Bill Passes Lower House

Rodman, Fighting Measure, Asserts Law Will Permit Discrimination Against Classes by Board.

### Debate Waxes Bitter

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Motion picture censorship for Nebraska received the recommendation of the lower house today by a vote of 53 to 38 after a 10-hour day spent in hot debate and ending in personalities.

The Byrum-Gifford bill was killed by practically the same vote. Bitterness was noted when Representative Williams, acting chairman refused to permit Representative Rodman to introduce an amendment calling for a state referendum on motion picture censorship. Williams held that a gentleman's agreement made by both sides barred introduction of the amendment at that time.

Williams refused to permit Rodman to read rules which stated specifically that amendments were in order.

"Well, gentlemen," Representative Mickey shouted, "you now have your first touch of what censorship will be."

Representative Jearns, in closing arguments for the censorship bill, said:

"If some of these newspapers with wild ideas don't watch out, we'll get them next."

**Rodman States Objections.**

Representative Rodman, in closing for the anti-censorship faction and for the Byrum-Gifford bill, said:

"If the censorship bill passes, what safeguard has the laboring man to see that a capitalistic board, appointed by a capitalistic administration, doesn't side of the labor controlling it from appearing on the screen. Thank God, so far, they haven't attempted to violate our constitutional rights in having free press and a free speech."

"But gentlemen, look out, they are attempting to do it!"

Here Rodman pointed to a bit of deleting done by the Kansas board of censors relative to a statement in opposition to picture censorship by Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, which the Kansas board refused to permit shown in the state.

**Stifling Free Speech.**

"There's a specimen of it," Rodman said, "Isn't that stifling free speech?"

Practically every member who voted for censorship took occasion to speak and received applause from a friendly gallery of Lincoln women, who have lobbied continuously for the bill.

Finally, at 6 o'clock, Representative McKee shouted:

"Even those women up there are tired of hearing you fellows shout."

The gallery received the attention of Representative Snow.

"I don't expect any of your applause," he said, "but I have heard the remark made by one of the representatives favoring our censorship bill that if we didn't vote for it, we wouldn't get to come back. Well, I am not going to vote for it and I'm going to come back, if the people really understood the proposition and we had the state's money to spread propaganda for the Byrum-Gifford bill as has been used for the movie censorship bill and the other 52 child welfare bills we could beat you, hands down."

Arguments in favor of the censorship bill primarily were aimed at licentious pictures and pictures in the nude shown on screens. Speakers declared that local conditions would make prosecution for these pictures, such as proposed in the Byrum-Gifford bill, impossible and censorship was the only cure.

Many referred to telegrams and

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## Two Exhibitors Claim First Sale at Auto Show

Two exhibitors at the automobile show claim the honor of being the first to close sales after the official opening time, 2 Monday afternoon.

W. R. Huntington of the Omaha Auto Sales company registered the sale of a Maxwell touring car with the show manager at 2:10. W. D. Eck, 2310 South Thirty-third street, was the purchaser.

Ralph Jones of Card-Adams company registered the sale of a Chandler touring car to William M. Barr, 4910 Dodge street, at 2:45.

The honors are prizes which the automobile men try for each year and much rivalry is evident among the contestants.

### \$500 Reward Offered for Men Who Lynched Negro

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—Gov. Edwin P. Morrow today offered a reward of \$500 each for the arrest and conviction for each member of the mob that early yesterday took from the Woodford county jail and lynched Richard James, negro. He also issued a proclamation removing from office, John H. Edger, jailer, of Woodford county.

### Fisk Rubber Factory Goes Back to Full Time Basis

Chicopee, Mass., March 14.—The Fisk Rubber company, which has been operating on a three-day schedule since December 1, today resumed full time and a wage reduction on both day and piece work was put into effect which amounts to an average of 10 per cent. About 1,800 employees are affected.

## Chesterton "Boob" or "Nut?" Omaha Opinion Is Divided

English Writer Fails to Impress Big Audience with Ability as a Lecturer—But Then, Maybe It Was "Over Our Heads"—Anyhow, He's On His Way, With 1,000 Good Silver Dollars.

Gilbert K. Chesterton, celebrated English writer, reputed to be brilliant, gave his \$1,000-an-hour lecture on "The Ignorance of the Educated" before the biggest audience the Fontenelle ballroom ever held, yesterday afternoon.

In his opening sentence, the ponderous Englishman took the vast audience into his confidence.

He told them he "was one of those famous Englishmen who cannot lecture and do."

At the end of his hour the majority of his audience agreed with him.

Said Miss Kate A. McHugh, former principal of the Omaha High school and president of the drama league:

"I am greatly disappointed. I expected to hear a scintillating lecture, but there wasn't even a sparkle!"

"I'm going to write him a letter and ask him what he was talking about," said Miss Grace Sorenson, editor of Every Child's magazine.

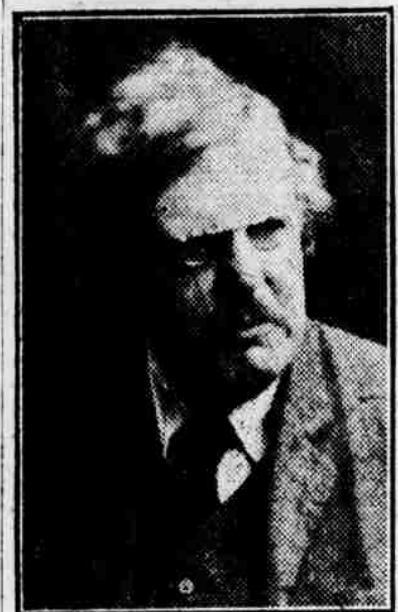
**Thinks He's a Boob.**

Mrs. Halleck Rose was incensed. "I think he's a first-class boob, and I think Chesterton thinks we are, too, for listening to his piffle for a whole hour," she remarked. "I welcome more such English lecturers of his kind. By contrast we will more quickly learn to respect American culture," she announced emphatically.

"His lecture was an insult to my intelligence," said Mrs. George Prinz, active in the Fine Arts society.

"He's a nut!" commented Earl Gannett.

"I think I'll take the lecture platform myself; I'd make a great hit saying nothing and would make a lot of money," said Mrs. J. N. Paul.



Gilbert K. Chesterton.

"He warned us he couldn't lecture. Now I think it's a compliment to be ignorant."

Mrs. Warren Blackwell, chairman of the program committee which engaged him to speak for the Fine

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## Unions Threaten To Quit Hearing Of Labor Board

Request of Railway Men for Subpoenas for Road Officials Has Not Been Complied With.

Chicago, March 14.—Railway labor unions today notified the United States railway labor board that they could not proceed with the hearing over national agreements unless the board complied with their request to subpoena various railroad executives to appear before the board.

Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the railroad brotherhoods, told the board at the opening of today's session that he was "greatly surprised to find that his request for subpoenas has not been complied with and that it was useless for the labor side to go on with its testimony. The testimony of the railroad heads was essential to a fair hearing, he said."

Mr. Walsh referred to the labor situation in the packing industry, charging that the packers had "joined with the Morgans and Garrys and railroad heads in a concerted attempt to ruin labor unions forever."

The board adjourned at 10:25 a. m. and went into executive session to consider Mr. Walsh's statements. Henry T. Hunt of the public group of the board said he believed subpoenas would be issued, but that the board wanted to do it in "a courteous way."

## Ruse of Woman Leads Insane Man With Gun Into Hands of Police

Kearney, N. J., March 14.—As crowds of fifteen watched from places of safety, Anthony Pecuzzelli, aged Lithuanian, fought a gun battle with police and volunteer assistants, in which two policemen and two merchants were wounded. The man was finally captured by the ruse of a woman.

According to Andrew Verbitsky, who said he had been the only companion of Pecuzzelli for 30 years, the latter had become suddenly insane Saturday because of brooding over the lack of funds to purchase a building away from the city. Pecuzzelli, he said, forced him to turn over his life-time savings of \$735 and then drove him from his home in quest of more money. While he was away, the aged man began shooting through the roof of the house, attracting the police.

Firing his double-barreled shotgun repeatedly, Pecuzzelli held the police at bay for more than an hour. He was captured when a woman neighbor entered on a plea of kindness. She was followed by the police, who quickly overpowered the aged man.

### Nelson B. Uptike Holds Conference With Harding

Washington, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Nelson B. Uptike, publisher of The Omaha Bee, returned to Washington today from a visit to relatives at Hopeville, N. J. Mr. Uptike had a conference with the president and the postmaster general.

### Blockade of Kronstadt Is Planned by Trotsky

London, March 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Leon Trotsky, Russian soviet war minister, according to advices today, has decided to blockade Kronstadt, although this will entail great suffering to the 8,000 women and children in the town.

## Six Men Hanged For War Against British Crown

Crowd of 20,000 People Surrounds Mount Joy Prison During Hours of Executions.

Dublin, March 14.—Six prisoners, convicted of complicity in the killing of the British intelligence officers and members of the crown forces in Ireland were executed in Mount Joy prison, this city, this morning. The men were hanged in pairs at intervals of an hour.

Twenty thousand people gathered outside the prison during the hours that the execution were going on and all work in the city stopped until 11 o'clock. Even the postoffice was closed and telegraph service was suspended.

The scene in front of the prison was impressive. The crowd gathered assembling at dawn and by 7 o'clock the prison yard, the roadway, and all the abutting streets were thronged. An altar had been improvised near the prison doors and on the walls and trees in the prison yard sacred images and pictures had been placed.

Everywhere candles were burned, scores of persons in the dense throng holding them aloft through the long vigil. Here and there priests or women led in prayers or hymns in which everyone joined earnestly.

Hundreds kneeling in the roadway were forced to rise when an armored car forced its way through the crowd. From 5 o'clock this morning it had moved back and forth in front of the prison. On the roof of the jail, overlooking the entrance, a sentry kept watch.

Two of the men executed, Patrick Moran and Thomas Whelan were charged with complicity in the killing of intelligence officers in Dublin on November 21, last. Whelan's two brothers are in the United States, one of them in the American army. The other four men, Frank Flood, Bernard Ryan, Thomas Ryan and Patrick Doyle, were accused of participating in an ambush near here in January in which one member of the attacking party was killed.

## Packers Warn Idle Men Not to Rush to Chicago

Chicago, March 14.—The Big Five packers issued a warning today to unemployed persons in other cities not to come to Chicago seeking work in the stock yards, as positions were not available.

The packers said they had been swamped today with applications for work from men who flocked here from other cities.

"We do not need men and do not expect to need any," the packers announced.

## Secretary Denby Plans to Witness Navy Manoeuvres

Washington, March 14.—Secretary Denby will leave Sunday for Guantanamo, Cuba, to witness target practice and winter battle maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet. Later he will go to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to inspect the marines stationed on the islands, and will return here about April 5.

### Unemployed Parade

Mexicali, Lower Cal., March 14.—Three hundred unemployed men marching with a red banner and a hand which played dirges, made what they termed a "friendly demonstration" here to show their need of employment.

## Protection Measures Come First

Conference Decides to Rush Anti-Dumping Legislation At Special Session of Congress.

### Watson Outlines Plans

Washington, March 14.—Anti-dumping legislation to protect American industries from European competition will be rushed through at a special session of congress under a decision reached at a conference today of republican members of the senate finance and the house ways and means committee, with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

Whether tariff or internal tax revision shall be accorded second place on the fiscal program was left for determination at a conference which Chairman Penrose of the senate committee and Chairman Fordney of the house committee plan to hold tomorrow with President Harding. The final program, Senator Penrose said, probably will be announced after this conference.

Most committee members at today's conference were said to favor giving right of way to tariff revision legislation. Agreement, it was said, was unanimous against attempting to enact any temporary stop-gap tariff bill, the feeling being that the legislation should be permanent.

### Soldier Bonus Bill

The soldier bonus bill is to be a part of the republican fiscal program, Senator Penrose and Representative Fordney announced. Financial requirements of the government for readjustment of compensation to former service men were included in estimates considered at the conference and after the meeting Senator Penrose predicted that the bonus bill would be passed early.

Prior to the conference, Senator Watson of Indiana, republican member of the finance committee, issued a statement declaring internal tax legislation should precede revision of the tariff, adding that business would expect immediate relief "from the great burden of taxation."

"We should repeal excess profit taxes and the higher surtaxes and substitute a moderate sales tax and clarify the underlying law. Its administrative features of the law," he said.

"We should make definite arrangements with our debtors to pay a fixed amount each year, so that we may have definite assurances as to just how much we may expect."

### Need Budget System

"We should at once adopt a through-going budget system so that we may cut the cost according to pattern and then proceed to the revision of governmental expenditures."

Members of the committees in agreeing to give preference to an anti-dumping bill also decided to attempt enactment of legislation providing for American valuation of imports. This legislation would apply to the ad valorem duties collected under the Underwood law. Its result, Senator Penrose and Representative Fordney said, would be to increase considerably the revenues now calculated on foreign instead of American values.

The republican leaders said they expected to pass the anti-dumping bill early. Representative Fordney estimated it would require only a few days in the house and a similar estimate for action was given by Senator Penrose.

## Alleged Swindler Of Nebraskan Faces Trial in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., March 14.—Everett A. (Big Hutch) Hutchings, termed "the king of the bunco men" by the district attorney, was placed on trial here for the alleged swindling of J. B. Norris of Decatur, Ill. out of \$51,000 in a fake stock deal.

Hutchings, who was arrested in New York last August, has been free several months ago, has been free under \$100,000 property bond pending the outcome of the trial.

Last week he surrendered himself to answer a new county grand jury indictment charging he had swindled a man named Nathan Nech, out of \$20,000 in a manner similar to that through which he was alleged to have defrauded Norris. Hutchings is free under \$100,000 bond in connection with the latter charge.

### Spanish War Moscot Will Return Home as Postmaster

Washington, March 14.—Cornelio D. Vargas, who came to the United States after the Spanish-American war as mascot of the Fourth Ohio infantry regiment, is going back to his home town of Guayama, Porto Rico, soon, to serve as postmaster.

His nomination was sent to the senate by President Harding. Vargas is now an employee in the postoffice at Columbus, O., and he is the first postmaster to be named by Mr. Harding.

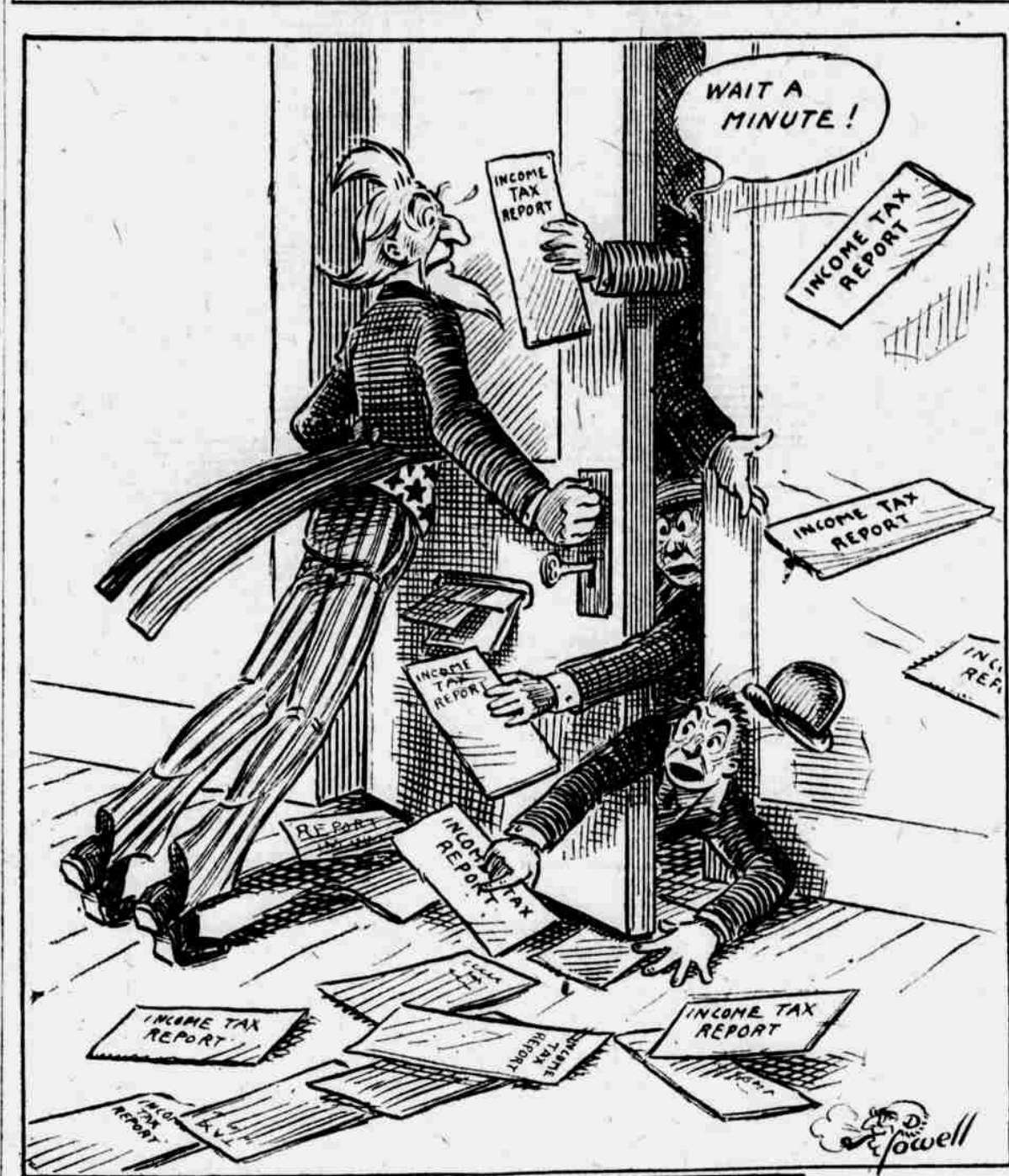
### Congress Special Session Will Be Called April 11

Washington, March 14.—Congress will be called into special session Monday, April 11. Senator Lodge announced at the White House today after a conference with President Harding.

### Elliot Wadsworth to Be First Assistant to Mellon

Washington, March 14.—Elliot Wadsworth of Boston, Mass., was nominated today by President Harding to be assistant secretary of the treasury. He will be in charge of foreign loans.

## Yes! This Is the Last Day



## Dr. Fields Files Appeal Brief in Supreme Court

Attorneys for Doctor Convicted of Illegal Operation Charge Girl's Letters Were Improper Evidence.

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—Attorneys for Dr. Leslie S. Fields, Omaha physician convicted of performing an illegal operation on Ruth Ayer, 20 Hayes center (Neb.) girl, from the effects of which she died on August 8, have filed a 70-page appeal brief in the Nebraska supreme court.

The defense is relying on alleged errors in the submission of evidence, particularly in the letters exchanged between Miss Ayer and Dr. Fields, and the fact that the girl, who a short time after the trial in Omaha was accidentally shot and killed.

These letters are declared by the defense to have been improper to admit as evidence, because they had been written before August 3, the day the crime is alleged to have been committed.

The defense also cites as error the action of the court in letting the jury take to its room the last letter written by the girl, which was a dying declaration, under the rule of evidence barring depositions from the jury room.

The brief goes into allegations of new evidence offered in support of a retrial, wherein a Mrs. Bort and several other women tell of a "Miss Ruth Ayer," answering the description of the girl victim, who came to certain rooming houses while she was ill.

## U. S. Envoy to Greece Resigns From Post

Athens, March 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—Edward Capps, American minister to Greece, retired from his post yesterday, turning over the legation to Barton Hall, the first secretary, who will act as chargé d'affaires until the arrival of Mr. Capps' successor.

Universal regret over the retirement of Mr. Capps is expressed in Athens. In Greek royalist circles, his resignation is interpreted as the first step toward recognition of King Constantine by the new United States administration.

Mr. Capps, who is professor of Greek at Princeton university, has been in this country on a year's leave of absence.

### Mexico Labor Federation Asked to Join in Protest

Mexico City, March 14.—Officers of the Mexican Federation of Labor have been asked by the Guatemalan confederation to join in a protest from Latin-American labor bodies to Washington, against the use of United States military forces in settling the dispute between Panama and Costa Rica. The Mexican labor officials have not acted upon this request.

### Greece-Armenian Banking Firm in Milan Is Bankrupt

Milan, Italy, March 14.—Disizian Brothers, a Greece-Armenian house with branches in the near east and New York City, were declared bankrupt today with debts estimated at 115,000,000 lire. The assets are placed at 130,000,000 lire. The chief creditors are said to be Italian and American banks.

## Harding Fills Three Big Posts

Senate Prolongs Session to Permit President to Make More Nominations.

Washington, March 14.—President Harding today filled three more important posts in his administration and asked the senate again to prolong its special session to act on further nominations tomorrow.

As assistant secretary of war, the president named J. M. Wainwright of New York, who served in the war as a national guard colonel on the staff of the twenty-seventh division.

As assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of foreign loans he designated Eliot Wadsworth of Boston, a retired business man and Red Cross official.

Eugene Meyer, Jr. of New York was nominated as a director of the war finance corporation, a post he held under the Wilson administration.

All three nominations with many army promotions were confirmed by the senate without prolonged debate, the leaders hastening consideration in the expectation of a sine die adjournment tonight.

Whether the names to be sent at tomorrow's session will include selections for the shipping board remained uncertain tonight, but there were indications that the president hoped to reach some decision in regard to several board members. Today he talked over the matter with F. C. Munson of the Munson Steamship Line and J. A. Farrell, president of the U. S. Steel corporation, both of whom have been mentioned as possible chairman of the board, but both of whom denied that they were under consideration.

## Once Famous Singer Dies in California

Los Angeles, March 14.—Mrs. Jennie Kempton, 85, who won international fame as a contralto singer more than half a century ago, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roth Hamilton. She had been in failing health for several years.

### Treasury Officials Plan Farm Loan Bond Issue

Washington, March 14.—A new issue of farm loan bonds of approximately \$5,000,000 probably will be offered for subscription soon, treasury officials said tonight.

Issuance of new bonds, Commissioner Libell said at the time of the supreme court decision February 28 upholding legality of the federal farm loan act, would be made as soon as possible, but he intimated it would be at least 30 days before the funds would be available for loans.

"In the present money market the bond rate will have to be advanced to 5 per cent," he said. "The interest rate to the borrowers will have to be advanced to 6 per cent."

### 5,000 Promoters of Army Officers Are Confirmed

Washington, March 14.—Approximately 5,000 army promotion nominations, including the rank of captain submitted by President Wilson before the change in administrations, were confirmed today by the senate after considerable debate.

### Limited Train Wrecked

Dixon, Ill., March 14.—A broken rail wrecked the Chicago and Northwestern Overland Limited train while it was traveling 50 miles an hour near here today. A trainman suffered minor injuries. Eight steel Pullman cars were derailed.

## Men 'on the Job' At Packing Plants As Pay Cuts Come

Workers Urged by Union Leaders Not to Quit Pending Action of Secretary Davis' Mediation.

All workmen were "on the job" yesterday, heads of the three large packing plants on the South Side reported. This, despite the fact that the wage cut order went into effect yesterday.

"There were 300 new men waiting at the gates for work," said M. H. Murphy, general manager of Cudahy's.

Armour's general manager, O. C. Willis, and Lyle Hersey of the Morris plant, likewise reported all hands at work.

What will be the situation this morning hinges on the strike vote taken last night at union headquarters, Twenty-fifth and M streets.

Labor leaders urge the workmen to remain on the job waiting action of Secretary Davis' mediation, and it is expected the men will respond favorably. It is expected, however, the men will vote to strike unless the conference called by Secretary Davis brings a settlement satisfactory to union leaders.

Nearly 20,000 men will be affected by the strike order, if it is voted. Ballots on the strike situation of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen arrived from Chicago headquarters at the South Side headquarters, Twenty-fifth and M streets, yesterday morning at 10.

Jacob H. Davis, president of this district, is in Chicago conferring with international officers. He is expected to return to Omaha tonight or Wednesday.

Patrick E. Gorman, international vice president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, was the principal speaker at a mass meeting of the Omaha district in the hall at Twenty-fifth and M streets last night.

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The body was nude and in advanced state of decomposition. Justice of the peace, C. L. Gibson, said that the features of the body indicated that of a refined woman. A small blister on the right hand was the only distinguishing mark, he said.

## Confer on Wage Cuts On March 21

Secretary of Labor Davis Calls Packers and Employes for Conference Next Monday.

### Butchers All At Work

By The Associated Press.

Washington, March 14.—Secretary of Labor Davis today proposed Monday, March 21, as the date for representatives of the packers and packing house employes to meet with him in an effort to reach an agreement in the controversy growing out of the wage cut made by the packers.

J. L. Condon and Carl Meyers, attorneys for the packers, have been named to represent the packers in the negotiations.

### Await Result of Vote.

Chicago, March 14.—While awaiting the outcome of mediation plans and the result of a strike vote, employes in the packing plants of Chicago and their leading branches in the middle west had decided to go to work today under the reduced wage scale announced by the five leading packers which goes into effect today. More than 100,000 men are affected by the reductions of 15 and 12½ per cent in the hourly rate and piece work rate respectively, with time and a half for overtime only after ten hours.

"Any assumption that we are attempting to establish a ten-hour day is wrong," said a statement from Armour & Company today in answer to charges of union leaders. "The whistle in the Armour plants will continue to blow at the end of eight hours' work each day."

### Workers Told to Stay.

At mass meetings held in half a dozen packing centers yesterday, the workers were advised to remain at work until the strike vote was completed, which it was said here, would be about Friday.

Union leaders suggested Friday, March 18, as the date for the proposed conference in Washington of representatives of packers, employers and employes with James J. Davis, secretary of labor. According to reports here, Secretary Davis had received but one official response from the packers to his mediation proposal. Wilson & Co. agreed to send two representatives.

In a drastic shakeup of the police department, Captain Wesley H. Westbrook was on duty today in the stock yards police district because of his ability to cope with labor troubles. Chief of Police Fitzmorris said.

## Wage Cuts Small

"Our cut in wages is small when compared to other firms," said the statement of Armour & Company. "We have a list of 21 other firms reducing wages, where the decreases ran from 14.25 to 33.34 per cent. The stockholders of Armour & Company could not dodge the fact that we are losing money. That is why wages are reduced."

"The average working time in the killing gang in the past year has been 42 hours. Under the new arrangement a worker will be able to earn a substantial increase."

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## The Weather

Forecast.

Tuesday—Fair and warmer.

Hourly Temperatures.

3 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 48

5 a. m. 33 3 p. m. 44

7 a. m. 33 5 p. m. 43

9 a. m. 33 7 p. m. 42

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