

### Union Pacific to Lay Off 120 More Shopmen Monday

Lack of Business Given as Cause—Reduction to Hit All Crafts—To Make Total Cut 520. The Union Pacific railroad will lay off 120 more shop employees here Monday. Officials say such a reduction is necessary economy, due to lack of business. The reduction Monday will bring the total number of shop employees laid off here to 520, as 400 men were laid off March 1.

Every craft will be affected by the reduction Monday. No definite figures regarding the number of workmen who will remain at the shops could be obtained, but it is estimated not more than 1,160 men will be left. Officials of the railroad asserted yesterday there would be no more drastic cuts in employees at the headquarters. The office forces are being run with the lowest possible number of employees, officials said.

Elevator Service Curtailed. Three separate cuts have been made in supervising and clerical forces here since December 1. Officials would give no actual statistics on these employees, but it is estimated normally there are between 1,900 and 2,000 employed in the headquarters. The three reductions, totaling about 30 per cent of the normal number, hence the reduction has affected from 500 to 600 men and women.

Even elevator service has been curtailed 50 per cent at the once-busting headquarters building, and no express lifts are being operated for officials on the top floors of the building. 17,000 Laid Off. The working forces for all lines of the Union Pacific system have been reduced 17,000 since the middle of last December, according to an official statement issued today by E. Calvin, vice president in charge of operation. The working forces prior to the commencement of the process of reduction was 50,000, the announcement said.

Reduce Cheyenne Force. Cheyenne, Wyo., March 17.—Six hundred employees of the Cheyenne Union Pacific shops will have been laid off within the present month, as a result of instructions received today for an additional 135 men, effective Saturday. Four hundred and sixty-five were laid off two weeks ago.

### Clara Hamon Found Not Guilty of Murder

(Continued from Page One.) ally in the end she might yield to his brutal passions." Champion called Mr. Mathers before the jury, laid him on a table, and used a law book for a pillow. "Jim, you are Jake and I'm Clara," he said to Mathers. "You've been drunk all day." He took the pistol and illustrated his idea of the shooting as gained from state testimony, and which he said was impossible. Clara and her mother cried when Mr. Compton paid a tribute to his associate, Mr. McLean, for blame, rebuked an attorney for the prosecution who referred to the "mother as an old woman."

"If the grave could open up and the dead man have a reproach of conscience, he would tell you that he is the one most to blame," Champion shouted to the jurors. "Girls like this have ever been acquitted so long as the spirit of God lasts," Champion said in closing, after having asked if "breathed there a man who would say that the lit-gilt should pay with her life."

Mr. Mathers started speaking at 10:40 a. m., with the intention of speaking until noon. He charged the Hamon millions, allied with the millions of business associates, were centered on Clara Hamon and asserted "it is an unequal fight."

### Stenos for President



Miss Corella Mattern of Parkersburg, W. Va. (left) and Miss Eva B. Uhl of Frankfort, Ky., who have been employed as stenographers for President Harding under the direction of his secretary, George B. Christian.

Girl, Suspected Of Aiding Man in Holdup, Arrested. Finger Prints on Stolen Autos Show Same Bandits in Raids Terrorizing Omaha Last 48 Hours. Cleopatra stalked the streets of Omaha Wednesday night. And Wednesday two women were held by the police as the suspected Cleopatra who lured Joe Kellen, 612 North Eighteenth street, into a hold-up trap.

Two men are held with them. They gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. Dan Killham and M. D. Love, alias C. E. Parker, and Mrs. Lillian Parker. This Cleopatra, who met Kellen at Seventeenth and California streets and lured him into the hands of two highwaymen, went into a house at 1712 or 1714 California street, Kellen told the police. Arrested Together. Wednesday morning Detectives Trapp and Munch arrested the Parkers at 1712 California street, and the Killhams at 1714 California street.

Kellen has been summoned to Central police station to attempt to identify one of the women as his Cleopatra of Wednesday night. Finger prints were taken Wednesday by the police from the two stolen automobiles used Tuesday and Wednesday night by the highwaymen who staged the outbreak of crime both nights in Omaha. Holdups, burglaries, and thefts continued Wednesday night and evidence procured by the police indicated the same bandits were the principals both nights.

Found Abandoned. The other was taken from Charles Nicholson, 2512 N street, at the point of revolvers, by two highwaymen at Seventh and Bancroft streets at 10:30 Wednesday night. It was found abandoned at 3 yesterday morning near Twelfth and Jackson streets. Finger prints from both cars, to be used in identification of the highwaymen when they are caught, were taken by Bertillon experts at Central police station.

Bandits Strike Victim. A few moments after this, F. R. Houchin, 6235 North Thirty-first avenue, was held up while riding with a young woman in Riverview park, near the scene of Nicholson's holdup. The highwaymen jerked Houchin from his car and searched him. When he attempted to conceal \$40 from them, they struck him over the head with the butts of their revolvers. They took \$4 from the young woman's purse but gave her back the purse. They threatened to attack the girl, Houchin told the police when he reported the holdup, later. His description of the two men tallies with that given by Nicholson, according to the police.

The modern Cleopatra in the crime operations Wednesday night led Joe Kellen, 612 North Eighteenth street, into a holdup trap. Pretty Girl Is Lure. He met her at Seventeenth and California streets and begged him to escort her home to Nineteenth and Cass streets. She was pretty, he told the police, and put her hand in his coat pocket to keep it warm. When she asked him to tie her shoe string, he became suspicious, he said, because he had noticed the string was tied until she stooped to pretend to fix it.

As she put her foot on a low fence for him to tie the shoe string, he declined because of his suspicions and she tied it herself but two men appeared on the scene from "somewhere." While one of the men pressed a revolver against Kellen's stomach, the other man and the pretty girl went through his pockets for a gold watch and chain and \$16—and then the trio hopped.

Screams of a woman member of the family of John Schupp, 2527 South Tenth street, frightened away a would-be burglar who was tampering with the front door of the house about 11 p. m. Hits Central Station. The crime wave hit Central police headquarters too, for Edward Duda, police chauffeur, reported the

### Mormon Colony Is Disciplined by Church Council

Men and Women Have Been Praicting "Doctrine of Wife Sacrifice" Following "Revelations." Salt Lake City, March 17.—Through official church announcements of the excommunication and disfellowshipping of a number of the men and women members of the Mormon church it became known today that a colony of upwards of 50 men and women located miles from a railroad in eastern Utah county have been practicing a number of new doctrines, among them one called "the doctrine of wife sacrifice," under which it is said that in a number of instances husbands have taken the wives of other members of the colony and vice versa.

The founder and leader of the colony is Moses S. Gudmundson, violinist, and former professor of music at the Brigham Young university, a Mormon institution, who began the establishment of the new movement on the strength of "revelations" which he has on a number of occasions claimed to have received in person from on high. The persons who were excommunicated as a result of two church trials held on the case are Mr. Gudmundson, J. Elvan Houtz, David Whyte, Gerald H. Lowry and J. Leo Hafen. Those disfellowshipped are Mrs. May Metcalf Houtz, Mrs. Delia Hafeta Whyte, Mrs. Mirerva B. Weight, Mrs. Lucy Warren Metcalf, Ralph B. Weight, Thomas D. Nisbet and Levi G. Metcalf, jr.

Announcement of the church discipline was made by E. Frank Birch, stake president; William J. Adams, first counselor, and Perry B. Fuller, second counselor and member of the state senate, of the presidency of Tintic stake. Nebraska Boys Named for Annapolis Naval School. Washington, D. C., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Before leaving for Nebraska, Congressman Andrews nominated Rudolph Nuss of Sutton and Rollo Pelt of Hastings for midshipmen at Annapolis. He also sent to Postmaster General Hays his endorsement of the candidacy of S. D. Long of Cowles to be second assistant postmaster general. Mr. Long is the present postmaster at Cowles and has had a varied experience in postal matters.

Ice Plant at Deshler Starts Work to Relieve Shortage. Deshler, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The Deshler artificial ice plant is in operation. It is arranging to run night and day in order to take care of the ice business in this territory as no natural ice was harvested. Hebron and other nearby towns are no wtrucking ice from Deshler. Women's Clubs Meet. Central City, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The district convention of Women's clubs will be held in Central City, May 3 and 4.

### Liquor Flowed At Poker Game

Man Charged With Murder Testifies of "Wild" Night in Nickerson Pool Hall. Fremont, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—Stoutly denying all alleged threats made by him against Ross Wickersham, Richard Dunkle, facing trial on the charge of first degree murder, left the witness stand at 9 tonight, weakened and distraught after three hours of a rapid-fire examination by both attorneys, claiming that he shot directly at John Litz and that he did not know that Wick-



Richard Dunkle. Wickersham was the victim until the next morning. Dunkle rejected the testimony given by several other witnesses, who alleged that Dunkle remained in the Nickerson pool hall following the shooting, where he threatened to "make a sieve" out of Wickersham's body. County Attorney Cook presented the statement made by Dunkle the day that the alleged murderer delivered himself to county officials. In his testimony today he stated that he had not told the exact truth at that time concerning the presence of liquor which he said he denied to avoid trouble for Wickersham. Last night he changed that statement and asserted that the poker players had been drinking freely.

The big court room was crowded with men, women and children of all ages, who jammed the doors and windows in an attempt to get a glimpse of Dunkle and to hear the testimony. The attorneys indulged in sarcastic tilts between themselves regarding what was competent and relevant, which brought out amused ripples of laughter. Dunkle stated last night that he gave his age to the county attorney at 42 to coincide with his army discharge. He says in reality he is 48, but had to lie about his age when he joined the army in order to be admitted.

Shickley School Head Gets Position at Fairfield. Geneva, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—John Ekwall, superintendent of the Shickley schools for the last two years, has been elected to be superintendent of the Fairfield schools at an increase in salary.

### Table Rock Women Fail To Reach City Caucus

Table Rock, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting to nominate candidates for village trustees and two members of the school board, the following were placed in nomination: For village trustees, W. M. Linn, C. I. Norris, C. L. Bonham and A. R. Wopata. For the board of education: J. N. Phillips, Mrs. E. D. Wood, M. H. Marble, and Danu Andrew. There are two to elect to each office, but a former custom is being followed of naming twice the number to be elected. The two first named on high tickets are the present incumbents.

Last year as many women as men attended the meeting, but at this meeting not a single woman appeared. A woman's meeting was being held in another location, from which they expected to march in a body to the city hall, but when they arrived all was darkness, the candidates had been nominated and the meeting adjourned. Citizens' Ticket Named At Beaver City Caucus. Beaver City, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The following city officers were nominated at a citizens' caucus: Fred Kohn, mayor; W. E. Bratt, city clerk; T. F. Newton, treasurer; J. E. Bonser, engineer; L. B. Simmons, C. E. Coffey, W. C. Conyers, C. A. Combs, T. F. Newton and J. W. Axtell, members of the school board. There is considerable sentiment for putting another ticket in the race.

### 1,000 Pay Income Tax to Collector in Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—V. C. Head, internal revenue collector here, reports that approximately 1,000 residents of this city and county have paid their income tax in the two weeks since he established quarters in the federal building. About 120 collections, averaging from \$5 to \$15,000, have been made by Mr. Head, who says that Gage is the banner county of the district, as the largest amount of income tax for a single person was paid by a Gage county property holder.

McCook Girl Wins Right to Enter Contest at Holdrege. McCook, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—By winning the decision at Arapahoe in the district declaratory contest with 10 contestants, Miss Agnes Duncan of McCook will represent McCook High school in the district contest at Holdrege, during the Southwest Nebraska Teachers' association convention, March 23 to 25. Randolph Heavyweight Boxer Defeats Ed Downs. Randolph, Neb., March 17.—Fritz Maschulek, local heavyweight boxer, defeated Ed Downs of South Dakota in a six-round bout here. The victory was awarded on a referee's decision. Fast preliminary bouts were staged before the main match.

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Nebraskans in Capital To Argue Indian Land Suit. Washington, D. C., March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—John L. Webster of Omaha and O. C. Anderson of West Point, Neb., are in Washington to present oral arguments before the supreme court in the cases of Hiram Chase, jr., and Mary Gillman, who are suing the United States to secure their allotments to Indian land in the Omaha and Winnebago reservations. Mr. Webster represents the Indian claimants, Mr. Anderson the government. The case will be reached next week. Organize Lions Club. Scottsbluff, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—A branch of the International Lions club was formed here with George Kimbrough as president and Beach Coleman, F. F. Fischer, Dr. A. B. Keras and W. J. Stafford the other officers. The club has a membership of 42 business men who will hold weekly luncheons.