

## PENNSY GIVES NOTICE OF WAGE CUT ALL ROUND

Indianapolis Force of 2,300 Persons Affected by Announcement.

### CONFER FIRST ON PLAN

Advance notices of a general wage reduction in all departments of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and which will affect the entire Indianapolis force of the company, amounting at present to about 2,300 persons, were announced today by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Before the reductions go in effect, or, in fact, before the amount of reduction can be determined, it will be necessary for the railroad management to meet with the various unions affected by the proposed cut and to reach an agreement with them.

### SETS OUT CHANGE IN CONDITIONS.

The statement made by the board of directors sets out that reductions are made necessary by the economic conditions and that there already has been a reduction of about 70,000 men in the personnel of the force. It was explained by local Pennsylvania officers that the reduction here has amounted to about six hundred men.

It is further stated that at present it takes almost the whole current earnings of the current operating expenses, so that in February 70 per cent of all earnings of the road were absorbed in costs for labor, against a normal charge of less than 50 per cent.

In making a readjustment of salaries and wages it is but fair and proper that the burden should be borne by all officers as well as employees," the statement says.

### SEVEN POINTS CONSIDERED.

In making the readjustment of wages and salaries the points will be considered as follows: The amount of wages paid for similar kinds of work in other industries; relations between wages and cost of living; hazards of the employment; degree of responsibility; training and skill required; character and regularity of employment; inequalities of increases in wages or of treatment as a result of previous wage orders or adjustments.

It is stated that in effecting these readjustments all steps will be taken in strict accord with the transportation act.

### NEW YORK CENTRAL TO FOLLOW PENNSY LEAD

NEW YORK, March 10.—The New York Central, it is reported early today, will follow the lead of the Pennsylvania Railroad and announce a drastic program of reduction in wages. The railroad which already has given notice of a wage reduction to its unskilled labor. This reduction is to take effect April 1. It is now prepared, it was reported, to announce further reductions by which \$500,000 more will be removed from its monthly payroll. Other employees, from the highest executives to office boys, will be effected by the new cuts.

Railroad officials conversant with the situation throughout the country, declared that practically every railroad in the country is preparing drastic cuts in operating expenses. They said the situation was such that the railroads simply have to take action to counteract the drop in revenues due to the slump in business that followed the inauguration of higher rates.

Already several of the principal roads have held conferences with representatives of their employees at which the roads presented demands calling for reduced wages. In each case the railroad representatives took the announced reductions under advisement. There has been some talk of strikes, but railroad officials believe the wage reductions will be accepted.

### WILLARD SAYS B. & O. WAGE CUT NOT DECIDED

BALTIMORE, Md., March 10.—In a statement made public today, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, declared that the road had not decided to cut wages generally.

In the course of his statement he said, however, readjustment of railroad labor conditions as wages are necessary ultimately in order that the railroads can be competitive under the present rates. He expressed the belief that the revision of wages must come, but that the revision will be settled without stopping the railroads.

**TENTATIVE JURY IS SELECTED AT FIRST SESSION**

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that influence you in deciding the fate of the defendant?"

The defendant lost her initial nervousness as the examination proceeded. Her main effort centered on keeping her mother's hand, smiled at her or whispered to her. But the mother stared vacantly.

**STATE PICKS 12 MEN IN HOUR 20 MINUTES.**

It took the State one hour and twenty minutes to select twelve tentative jurors. The State examined twenty veniremen. The chosen twelve all said they were impartial.

Among the twelve were seven farmers, two factory workers and three business men. D. F. C. Laughridge, 73, and James Avery, 78, were the oldest men chosen. They could have been exempted from jury service because they were above 60, but they did not as it.

After the examination it was made certain when Attorney Chapman in his examination asked each if he believed in the right of every one to defend oneself in case of an attack.

**400 MURDER FANS**

JAM COURTOOM. Over four hundred murder fans were gathered in the courtroom. The aisles between the pews were filled with extra chairs.

Among them were many wealthy oil men, friends or bitter enemies of Jake Hamon. These millionaires bumped shoulders with women, cowboys and Indians.

Jake L. Hamon, millionaire and political power, was shot Nov. 21 at the Randol Hotel. Randol is located to a hospital, where he died days later.

Clara Smith Hamon, his companion for ten years, with whom he lived at the Randol, fled to Mexico.

She was charged with his murder and returned to give herself up.

At her trial she still bore the intimate details of her life, whose dizzy career was stopped by a bullet.

The defendant entered the court with her aged mother who sat beside her. They were accompanied by the counsel for the defense and her sister, Mrs. Myrtle James, of Los Angeles. She kept her head buried at her mother's side, nervously twirled her smile, was gone—she was extremely nervous. Her appearance in court did not cause a ripple of excitement.

She sat directly facing the judge's bench, her sister and mother on either side of her. None of them exchanged a word.

## SAYS SORROW SOLE REWARD OF PHILOSOPHY OF UNGODLY

By CLARA SMITH HAMON, (Copyright, 1921, by United Press.)

ARDMORE, Okla., March 10.—Sorrow is the sole reward of the philosophy of the ungodly.

Those who take the cue of "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow ye die" for their part in life think they are happy. But it is only the deepest of sorrow that the ungodly temporary bliss.

This is usually realized when the tragic crash comes—then it is too late.

This is the lesson I want the readers of these lines to draw from the strange case of Clara Smith—a clerk in a country store ten years ago and now with a fervent wish that she was still back in hunting Louisiana.

Back in the days of my early youth a man came into my life—but I'll skip over the story—the world knows it only too well.

It is enough for you to know that I am today charged with murder; that I

am fighting for freedom.

Why? Because I was unable to overcome a man's individual will; because I became steeped in the philosophy of the ungodly.

This carefree and reckless but poisoned philosophy comes disguised in the form of pretty lyrics.

Here is one that I once believed, but the mockery of it all comes home to me now:

You are wise, you take what the gods have sent;

You ask no questions, but rest content.

So I am with you to take your kiss.

And perhaps I value you for this.

For I have no love to give.

To take what Fate or the gods may give.

To kiss the Lips and caress the hair.

Specs love's as you are, I value you for this.

For I have no love to give.

To ask no question, to make no prayer,

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