

BIG CHICAGO PACKERS TO DISCONTINUE ALL UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Government's Anti-Trust Suit Has Been Compromised With the Agreement that the Packers Confine Themselves Hereafter to the Meat and Provision Business—They Are to Sell Under Supervision of the U. S. District Court All Holdings in Public Stockyards, and All Interests in Terminals, Market Newspapers and Cold Storage Warehouses—Agreement Announced by Attorney General Palmer—Establishes the Principle That No Group of Men Can Ever Attempt to Control the Food Table of the American People.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The government's anti-trust action against the great meat packers, begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine their activities hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree to which the packers have assented will be entered in the federal court to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the Big Five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed to sell under the same supervision, and in like manner, all their interests in stock yard railroads and terminals.

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Condensed Telegrams

Seat on the Chicago Board of Trade bought \$11,000.

New York Sub Treasury shipped \$500,000 gold to Spain and \$50,000 to Ceylon.

Bar silver was quoted at 78 pence an ounce in London compared with \$1.35-7-8 in New York.

Judge Gary says question of advancing workers' wages in January has not been discussed.

Ohio wet votes will be recounted to determine if they had a majority of 400 votes as was announced.

The labor situation in Barcelona is growing worse daily. The picket now extends to all of Catalonia.

Railroad Administration officials announced coal production of principal fields only 70 per cent of normal.

A building occupied by wholesale dealers of woolen goods in Cleveland caught fire. Loss estimated at \$285,000.

Passenger traffic on the Austrian railways will be totally suspended during Christmas week owing to the coal shortage.

Reports indicate favorable conditions at the mines, and the railroads are expected to move coal mined as quickly as possible.

The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kharkov, are claimed in a Bolshevik statement received from Moscow by wireless.

Only 23,400 of the 324,900 claims for compensation for disability filed with the War Risk Bureau up to Dec. 5 were settled definitely.

The 1920 budget submitted to the board of commissioners of Hoboken included a 20 per cent increase in salaries to all city employees.

Former Governor McCall of Massachusetts was appointed by Governor Coolidge to be judge of probate and insolvency in Middlesex County.

Imports of coffee from Brazil, the source of 75 per cent of the commodity for the United States in 1914, dropped to 44.3 per cent in 1919.

A message was received in Halifax by radio from the British steamer Manchester reporting she was in distress 60 miles south of that city.

Because of the fluctuation of exchange quotations in New York, Canada postponed temporarily money order business with the United States.

Forty-three workmen and women were killed and more than a hundred injured in an explosion at Mariensfeld ammunition depot near Wilhelmshaven.

Master Cotton Spinners of Manchester, Eng., will grant operators a bonus varying from £1 to £3 monthly during January, February and March.

Bodies of 2,500 soldiers buried in England will be disinterred and prepared for shipment to this country by a party of three army officers and 50 civilians.

Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade adopted resolutions using President Wilson and the Senate to get together and adjust their differences on the peace treaty.

Two hundred Sinn Feiners raided the Cork railway terminus at midnight. It is believed the raiders were seeking consignments of ammunition intended for the coast.

Two men were drowned and another seriously injured when an automobile delivery truck plunged through a wooden trestle into the Morris Canal in Newark, N. J.

Secretary Lang denied reports he was resigning. He said he would wait until the time came when he can leave the Cabinet without adding to the President's "burden of worries."

Viscount Kato, Japanese Ambassador to London when the alliance between England and Japan was originated, recommends continuance of the alliance which expires this year.

Transport Martha Washington which sails from New York for Brent, is taking 62 officers and men to France to determine the policy of the Government in bringing home the soldier dead.

Restoration of all through east and west bound trains to the schedule, listing before the curtailment caused by the coal shortage was announced by the Boston and Albany railroad effective on Saturday next.

Great Britain is prepared to release American-owned goods, seized during the war, upon establishment of their American ownership at the time the goods were shipped, the State Department was advised.

Herbert Hoover, attending the Industrial conference summoned by President Wilson, is understood to be working on a plan for establishing credits to enable the United States to supply Europe with necessary foods.

Packing company, William C. Bueche, Albert Lea company, Inc., C. F. Purcell, Mississippi Packing company, James C. Good, Morton-Gregson company (Delaware), Paul O. Royman company, Standard Provision company and Central Products corporation.

Cudahy defendants, corporations and individuals: Cudahy Packing company (Maine), Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., Cudahy Packing company (Nebraska), Edward A. Cudahy, Jr., Cudahy Packing company (Alabama), Guy C. Shephard, Cudahy Packing company, Ltd. (Louisiana), John E. Warner, Nagle Packing company, A. W. Anderson, E. A. Strauss, Frank E. Wilhelm, and George Marples.

Western Meat company, Nevada Packing company and Oakland Meat and Packing company, F. L. Washburn.

State All at Sea on the Railroad Bill

Little Likelihood of the Measure Being Passed in Time to Permit Holiday recess Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate held its fifth night session on the railroad bill tonight with grave doubt in the minds of the leaders that the measure could be passed in time to permit beginning of the holiday recess Saturday.

The labor clauses, including the anti-strike provision of the Cummins measure were under discussion during the day, culminating in the rejection by a vote of 35 to 46 of the proposal of Senator Stanley, democrat, Kentucky, to eliminate the whole section. Efforts toward a compromise ensued.

On a vote of 35 to 46 the substitute of Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, for the anti-strike provision was rejected and Mr. McCormick gave notice that he would ask for another vote later. His plan, similar to the Cummins measure, would prohibit strikes for sixty days after decisions of the adjustment board, the board being required to render decisions within ninety days.

During the debate an agreement was reached by senate and house majority leaders not to permit a holiday recess until the measure is through the senate and sent to conference. At their conference, however, Senator Lodge and Representative Mondell agreed to suspend house business Saturday to permit members of the lower body to go home for the holidays, even if the senate is held by delay on the railroad bill. Beginning Monday, the house sessions will be perfunctory under a "gentlemen's agreement" that no business will be taken up but to adjourn from day to day until the senate recesses.

The anti-strike provisions were in the attack and defense today in the senate. The bill is looking for a compromise by modifying the clause imposing criminal penalties for strikes or lockouts.

Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, opposing the Cummins labor proposal, declared railroad strikes to be intolerable in their effect upon the general public.

Opposing the anti-strike section, Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, said that criminal penalties for strikes would not accomplish their purpose. The Cummins plan, he characterized as "repressive, unfair and unjust."

"Strikes among certain classes of employees are unjustifiable and among these are railroad employees," declared Senator Walsh, "and it is the duty of Congress to provide for the maintenance of their posts like galleys slaves."

Congress, the Massachusetts senator held, should remove the incentive and causes of strikes by enactment of laws which would make it impossible for any man to be the inheritor of a right to strike.

KENTUCKY DISTILLERS BECOMING ALARMED

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 12.—Kentucky distillers apparently began today to lose hope of disposing of approximately 26,000 gallons of whiskey before a prohibition comes into force January 15. At that time all whiskey intended for export must be out of this country or be confiscated, according to federal officials.

It could be learned today no workable plan for disposing of the liquor stocks in Kentucky bonded warehouses, said to be worth at wholesale prices more than \$25,000,000, has been advanced, and whiskey interests were said to look with alarm upon the narrowing time limit.

Meanwhile, federal officers in the last two days have arrested fourteen suspected violators of the war time prohibition law and it is understood, have warrants for arrests of others on similar charges. Among those arrested were the wife of a prominent Louisville man and his brother, who has been before local courts many times in the last few months on charges of violating the prohibition law.

The police department in Louisville held to the March federal grand jury charges of violating the prohibition law. Grand jury charges of violating the prohibition law. Grand jury charges of violating the prohibition law.

SUSPENSION OF TROLLEY SERVICE IN SALEM, MASS.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 18.—Suspension of virtually all trolley service in the Salem division, comprising this city, Beverly and Peabody, by the public transit authority, was announced today. Street Railway company, today forced thousands to walk in the below-zero temperature or to ride in crowded, unheated jitneys. Jitneys, attempting a substitute service, were inadequate notwithstanding the operation of 25 extra buses over lines formerly traversed by the trolley cars.

The trolley cars were ordered in accordance with the decision of the trustees to remove the cars unless the city revoked jitney licenses. Special meetings of the government in the three cities last night failed to solve the problem, and as a result the railway officials refused to start the cars today except on a few lines where there has been no jitney competition.

Regular trolley service was maintained between this city and Danvers, where the selectmen recently revoked jitney licenses. Except for the cut-off line to Danvers, the branch line and the jitneys, Peabody was in use from Salem and Lynn.

ALLIES HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE PEACE WITH TURKEY

London, Dec. 18.—Without any disrespect, and without wishing to deprive America of the honor of sharing in the guardianship of Christian communities, the allies have decided to make peace with Turkey at the earliest possible moment, Premier Lloyd George declared in the house of commons today.

NEW EFFORT TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF FIUME

London, Dec. 18.—Premier Nitti of Italy has been invited to meet Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau, and possibly an American representative in Paris in the course of a few days. It was announced by Mr. Lloyd George in the house of commons today. An effort to settle the question of Fiume was the purpose of the meeting, he said.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TO ELECT LEADER SATURDAY

Washington, Dec. 18.—A call for a conference of democratic senators Saturday to select a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia, was issued today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, who is contesting with Senator Underwood of Alabama for the place.

Charges Against U.S. Housing Corporation

Include Inefficiency, Carelessness and a Disregard of the Provisions of the Act Under Which It Operated.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Inefficiency, carelessness and a disregard of the provisions of the act under which it operated were charged against the United States Housing Corporation by the senate public buildings and grounds investigating sub-committee today in a report recommending that steps be taken to recover many thousands of dollars alleged by the sub-committee to have been expended improperly by the corporation.

Management of the corporation, the report as submitted to the senate charged, resulted in its failure to have ready for occupancy a single building nearly almost two months after the armistice was signed, or eight months after the passage of the appropriation act.

Although citing specific expenditures sufficient grave to warrant the government in entering civil suit for restitution, the report expresses the opinion that in most of these cases the persons who profited will restore voluntarily the alleged unearned portion.

Other recommendations made by the sub-committee provide that architects, who, it is charged, were paid excessive fees, be required to make a statement upon to give the committee an exact statement of the amount of their overhead expenditures. These employees of the corporation, the committee believes, were not parties to intentional violation of the law and "if they are actuated by the patriotic principles attributed to them they will be prepared to make them in excess of the exact cost of the overhead."

The amount the committee considers recoverable from this source is placed at \$30,000.

Civil suit to recover \$30,000 spent for "extras" and \$16,000 charged to sub-jetting of labor by a contracting firm also was recommended by the committee in the event of a failure to return the money voluntarily. The "extras" were charged as incident to the construction of the dormitories in Washington for women war workers.

In connection with which it was alleged, originally, that the contractor had altered, indicating a willingness to "substitute the contractor's demands for the estimating division's judgment."

Regularity of a loan for a half million dollars made to the Springfield Consolidated Water Company of Philadelphia also was questioned in the committee's report, together with the contractor's failure to return the money to the corporation. The latter concerns were not identified.

Scrutiny of the loans by the treasury department was recommended with definite suggestions as to where inadequate collateral had been provided.

Charges of inefficiency and bad management were more prominent in the report than in the earlier statements. While attention is called to the denial of the officials of the corporation that they intended to let contracts for more than \$200,000, the report declares the officials had planned, according to the records secured by the committee, the amount of the appropriation was \$200,000.

Practically all buildings erected by the corporation were of a permanent character, the committee reported, notwithstanding the provision that they be of a temporary character. The failure of the corporation to produce a complete house until the first of the present year was pointed to by the committee as indicative of the careless nature of the organization.

As an example of the inefficiency of the corporation, the committee cited the custom of using a triangular commission comprising three agents—the engineer and the town planner.

Although the average price for a house had been fixed at \$5,673, the committee declared it found houses in Bridgeport, Conn., costing \$10,000 each. Further, improper expenditures were declared to be the use of architects of one city in work in cities on the other side of the country, the committee pointing out that travel and other expenses were paid for by the government.

"A failure to promptly cease building operations on the signing of the armistice proved either a desire to complete the town beautiful experiments or to be helpful at government expense to the local communities involved," said the report. "The Crane tract at Bridgeport was first of one completed on November 5, 1918, yet it was completed by the housing corporation at a cost of \$1,371,839. Ninety-two of these houses were still vacant in September, 1919. The Philadelphia project was only six per cent completed on the date of the signing of the armistice but was finished by the housing corporation at a cost of \$2,000,000. These two projects cost the government not less than \$1,450,000."

KRUPP BALANCE SHEET SHOWS LOSS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Essen, Dec. 12.—For the first time since the foundation of the Krupp arms industry the balance sheet of the concern shows a net loss. The deficit amounts to 28,000,000 marks, but it is covered by a balance brought forward and a special reserve of 29,000,000 marks.

The Krupp works are at present constructing 100-motives, freight trucks, agricultural machinery and moving picture apparatus instead of guns.

BRITISH STEAMER HAS REPAIRS MADE AT SEA

Boston, Dec. 18.—The British steamer Manchester Hero, bound from Manchester, England, for St. John, N. S., was out by Warden Island, from which she sent a radio message yesterday but which sent a radio message last night saying she had repaired her steering gear and would proceed, was out of control tonight. A radio message received here said that she was about 100 miles south of Halifax, drifting to the south at a rate of three miles an hour.

HOLCOMB FOR GENEROSITY TOWARD COLLEGE FUNDS

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18.—Governor Holcomb issued a statement tonight urging generosity toward colleges that are seeking funds in order to increase faculty salaries. He said it is "high time" the college professor received a living salary and expressed the hope that the public would contribute to the "upset of their circumstances."

BIG OCEAN LINERS DELAYED BY FIERCE WINTER STORMS

Six Passenger Steamers Arrived in Port at New York With Hulls Encrusted With Ice and Rigging Covered With Sleet—Captain J. Baron of the Rotterdam Declared It Was the Roughest Passage He Had Ever Made—The Weather Was So Rough That the Ship Was Rocked Like a Cradle—One Passenger Suffered a Broken Leg.

New York, Dec. 18.—Substantial evidence of the fierce winter storms which have prevailed for the last two days along the steamer lanes between this country and Europe was shown by eight big passenger liners which arrived here today with more than 17,000 belated passengers. Hulls encrusted with ice, rigging covered with sleet and sails from spray saked on funnels produced the conditions, said ships' officers of high winds and gigantic waves that swept their vessels from stem to stern.

The ships arriving were the Rotterdam from Holland, via Plymouth; The Baltic, Royal George, Carmania, and Caronia from British ports, via Halifax; the Lafayette from Havre; Bergendort from Norway; and Europa from Genoa. All were from three to five days overdue and some of them reached port too late to dock tomorrow morning.

One of the big liners to come into her dock was the Rotterdam which reached quarantine late last night. She was three days late and her captain, J. Baron, declared that the trip was the roughest he had ever made. His statement was supported by Rear Admiral Andrew J. Long of the United States navy who returned after escorting the king and queen of the Belgians back to their country. Admiral Long said that one week ago when in mid-Atlantic, the weather was so rough that the big liner was rocked like a cradle. One of the passengers was shown to the deck and suffered a broken leg. On board the ship were five stowaways who were scared from their hiding places by the rough weather.

The Carmania, another of the belated ships, had to put in at Halifax for repairs because of a collision at sea with another ship during a fog off the Grand Banks. Many of the passengers were landed at Canadian ports. The Caronia, from Southampton, was clear to the Bermuda when the accident occurred and she responded to her wireless calls by pulling about and going to other assistance. The tendered help was not needed, but she accompanied her into Halifax. On board the Caronia were more than 8,000 Chinese who served in France as laborers during the war. They were landed at Halifax and will remain for their own country at once.

AUTOMOBILES TIRES WORTH MORE THAN \$35,000,000 RUINED THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND

Washington, Dec. 18.—Automobile tires worth more than \$35,000,000, thrown in a pile many feet deep and covering more than an acre of ground, were ruined through exposure to the weather at the motor transport corps base at Verneuil, France. Captain Robert Henderson, an officer at the camp, today told a House committee investigating war department expenditures during the war.

No coverings of any kind were placed over the tires, for more than two months, Captain Henderson declared. Approximately 2,500 motorcycles, after being placed in perfect repair for use by the A. E. F., were parked at the same camp and allowed to stand exposed to the weather for months until they became useless piles of junk, other witnesses told the committee.

Testifying as to the treatment of soldiers at Verneuil and the tank corps camp at Bourge, France, witnesses preferred charges of neglect and inefficiency against Colonel Harry A. Hoggman, Lieutenant Colonel Verner, who commanded the camp at Bourge, and Captain Benjamin H. Smith, an officer in the 392nd Battalion Tank Corps, in Colonel Hoggman's camp, especially after the armistice. They were characterized by the witnesses as "terrible and intolerable."

Captain Smith, while in command of the hospital at Camp Tolyhanna, Pa., ordered three enlisted men taken to New York and carried aboard the English steamer Orlena, although all the men of the vessel were already affected to a considerable degree, wires snappers under the contract caused by the cold. One service had 600 pounds of ice piled before it this morning; another had 400.

With the appearance of the sun, the mercury rose and the weather forecast predicted that the temperature would continue to rise slowly.

BERKMAN AND GOLDMAN READY TO BE DEPORTED

New York, Dec. 18.—Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman have their trunks packed with heavy clothing and ready to be deported to Russia on five minutes notice, Harry Weinberger, their counsel, announced today. Miss Goldman has one trunk and two handbags while Berkman has three grips and one trunk.

"They expect the government to keep its promise to deport them at this week," said Weinberger. "The United States is not a country of immigration, has notified all the anarchists held at the island, numbering more than eighty, to be ready to leave the country at any time. Deportation proceedings, however, have been formally closed only in the Berkman and Goldman cases. The approval of the department of labor as to the findings of immigration inspectors in the other cases has not been received at the island."

BANDIT CARLISLE BACK IN WYOMING PENITENTIARY

Taveling Wyo., Dec. 18.—High walls of the Wyoming penitentiary once more shut Bill Carlisle, bandit and train robber from the world. Early today a Union Pacific train—one of the big ones—was held up by Carlisle, who had been in the state for so long that he had become a local celebrity. He was discharged from the penitentiary on November 15.

"Hello Bill," was the warden's greeting. "How are you getting on?" "That was all, and Bill Carlisle became again, nothing but a number and so known for the remainder of the life sentence, from which he had escaped."

Since his capture a short time ago, Carlisle had been confined in a hospital at Douglas, reoperating from the bullet wound in his chest, which was inflicted upon him by a sheriff in arresting him.

4621 AUTOS STOLEN IN NEW YORK STATE IN SIX MONTHS

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Reports received by the state bureau of municipal information of the state department of ways and made public today, show that 4,621 automobiles were stolen in the state during the last six months. Police departments in 125 cities announced recovered a net.

Legislation to aid the police departments in curbing automobile thefts will be considered at the state conference of mayors in Albany on Dec. 30.

EXTRA DIVIDEND BY INTER-MERCANTILE MARINE CO.

New York, Dec. 18.—The International Mercantile Marine company today declared an extra dividend of 5 per cent, on account of deferred dividends not preferred stock, reducing the accumulated back dividends due to 37 per cent. The dividend is payable Feb. 2 to stockholders of record Jan. 12.

BORDEN TO RETAIN THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced that Sir Borden is to retain the post of prime minister, and that he will take a long rest to recover his health.