

Inquiries Begun On Milk Union's "Trust" Charges

N. Y. and Kings County Prosecutors Say Distributors May Face Criminal Action if There Is Evidence

Investigation of the New York Milk Conference Board and the distributors holding membership in it on the trust and conspiracy charges made by the striking members of the Milk Drivers' Union was begun yesterday by two of the five county prosecutors to whom the allegations were presented.

They were District Attorney Edward Swann of New York County and District Attorney Harry E. Lewis of Kings County. Their inquiries were launched with an announced intention of starting criminal prosecutions in the event that the alleged evidence in the possession of the union warrants such a course.

"Eleventh-hour propaganda," "the union's death rattle" and "a last minute bid for publicity," were among the characterizations of the proceedings contained in a statement of I. Elkin Nathans, secretary of the Milk Conference Board.

Whether the other three county district attorneys of greater New York intend to begin similar investigations in accordance with the union request could not be learned yesterday. District Attorney Joseph Maloy, of Richmond County, said he would "look the matter over when it was brought to his attention, with a view to an investigation if it seemed warranted by the facts."

What action will be taken by Attorney General Daugherty at Washington and by United States District Attorney William Hayward here, in response to the union charge that the distributors and their cars are engaged in a "conspiracy" in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, is problematical.

John B. Johnston, attorney for the union, is of the opinion that the Federal, state and county prosecutors will converge in a triple-barreled investigation of the milk distributors.

"Despite all else they're saying, you cannot get any of these distributors to deny that they are engaged in a conspiracy, one for increasing the price of milk. Their statement that they pay six cents more to the farmers of New York for milk than do the Chicago distributors to the farmers of Illinois is equally ridiculous."

"You could put a capable man in authority in the Milk Conference Board and prove it to be a 'trust' in three days' time."

Both District Attorney Swann and District Attorney Lewis said that "thorough investigations would be made, with a view to possible grand jury action." Conduct of the inquiry for New York County has been assigned to Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, who conducted the inquiry into the milk situation two years ago, and the Kings County inquiry has been entrusted to Assistant District Attorney Edward Cooper. The

latter announced he had summoned George W. Briggs and other of the union heads to appear in his office "to make affidavits and present their evidence."

Secretary Nathans of the Milk Conference Board said last night: "The death rattle of the arrogant element of the union is proving of a loud but not particularly new variety. After years of dealing with the conference board, the union and its attorneys suddenly discover that it is illegal, even though numerous and costly investigations in the last few years fully exonerated the milk dealers from any charge or suspicion of conspiracy."

"The milk distributors want to set the public right on the Chicago milk price, mention of which is included in the union leaders' parting gasp. The price for Grade B milk here is twelve cents a quart. In Chicago it is twelve cents. The distributors here pay the producers four cents a quart more for milk than the Chicago distributors pay the Illinois dairymen."

"The Borden Farm Products Company had 1,872 wagons out to-day compared with 1,850 normally. Sheffield Farms has 600 retail wagons out here, more than 500 in Chicago. Sufficient milk is available to all. The milk distributors profiting prevention bureau is still operative and would be glad to hear from consumers who feel they have been overcharged at stores for their milk. Complaints can be filed by calling up Ashland 7420."

Adams Given 10-Year Sentence for Burglary

Elwood Cox Adams, twenty-three years old, twice married, who boasted of three other sweethearts, pleaded guilty yesterday to indictments for burglary and grand larceny and received the maximum sentence of ten years in the State Prison at J. Talley in General Sessions. In imposing sentence the court denounced Adams as the most degraded type of human being it had ever known.

Adams was charged with stealing \$2,000 worth of jewelry from the home of Mrs. Laurence Crawford, at 125 East Fifty-sixth Street, through Jean Cunningham, his sweetheart, and a servant in the Crawford house. He was permitted to plead guilty after the girl had confessed to that charge and another arising from his own confession of having also taken jewelry from the home of Myrtle Tannehill, an actress.

Mrs. Charles B. Adams, whom his countess called a "mad parent," is under indictment for criminally receiving stolen property, and is soon to go on trial.

Recants Phone Message Of Killing—if He Said It

Walter D. Britt, who said he was a graduate of Chicago University and a certified public accountant, was taken from his home, at 612 West 137th Street, last night, and detained at Police Headquarters to await the result of an inquiry telegraphed to the Chicago police as to whether he was wanted there on a charge of murder.

He is said to have admitted that he was the man who telephoned Police Headquarters to report that he had killed a woman in Chicago about 1911 or 1912. According to Captain Carey, of the homicide bureau, Britt explained the telephone message by saying he had been drinking.

He told Captain Carey, the latter said, that he remembered calling up Police Headquarters at the hour the message was received, but could not recall just what it was that he had said. By the time he reached headquarters he was sober enough to be certain that he hadn't killed a woman in Chicago.

When the unusual message was received Captain Carey detained the caller in conversation until the call had been traced to Britt's apartment and a detective sent there to get him.

50% Surtax Adopted Over Harding Plea

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hamper the restoration of our activities, for which we all so much hope.

"One experience will afford a convincing illustration. In seeking to hasten the railway settlements growing out of Federal control I authorized the Director General to invite the cooperation of the War Finance Corporation to convert salable securities into the cash needed for the settlements in process of making. During the period of public belief in a 32 per cent surtax as provided by the House, the sale of these bills receivable was progressing in a most promising way. Indeed, we had converted more than \$100,000,000 of railway notes into ready cash. The very moment the higher surtax became a likely levy these conversions ceased entirely."

Much Needed Capital Diverted

"Manifestly the prohibitive surtax tends to divert our available and much needed capital from employment in our everyday activities to investments in tax-free securities. The records show that it is making a continued diminution in our receipts from income taxes and it is making more difficult the normal financing of every sort of essential activity and is emphasizing the tendency to turn to the government for that paternalistic relief of both industry and agriculture which has no rightful place in a peace-time policy."

"I am well convinced that a fair compromise between the rates adopted by either house will be the best possible solution of the situation, and an early decision will put an end to existing anxiety, even though the larger expectations of the country are not fully met."

The movement in the House for acceding to the Senate amendment, of its higher rate, was led by the so-called "agricultural bloc." The delegations from Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and several other states voted almost solidly for the 60 per cent rate. The result showed ninety-four House Republicans for the Senate amendment.

Democratic leaders, seeing what they termed an "insurgent movement," lined their following up solidly for the amendment of the Republican Senate.

Vote on Amendment

The roll call follows:

FOR THE SENATE AMENDMENT—Republicans, 94
Anderson, Andrews (Nebraska), Anthony, Barber, Beck, Begg, Benham, Bird, Bois, Brennan, Brooks (Illinois), Bryne (South Carolina), Byrnes (Tennessee), Cantrill, Carey, Clark (Florida), Cockran, Collier, Collins, Connally (Texas), Crisp, Cullen, Davis (Tennessee), Dominick, Doughton, Drewery, Driver, Dupre, Favrot, Fields, Fischer, Fulmer, Gallivan, Garner, Garrett (Tennessee), Gilbert, Goldborough, Griffin, Hamner, Hardy (Texas), Harrison, Hayden, Huddleston, Hudspeth, Humphreys, Jacoby, Jeffers (Alabama), Johnson (Mississippi), Jones (Texas), Kinchloe, Kindred, Kuntz, Lanham, Lankford, Larsen (Georgia), Lazo, Lee (California), Lee (Georgia), Linthicum, Logan.

Democrats, 108

Lowrey, McClintic, McDuffie, McSwain, Martin, Mead, McGuire, Moore (Virginia), O'Brien, O'Connor, Oldfield, Overstreet, Padgett, Park (Georgia), Parks (Arkansas), Parrish, Quinn, Raber, Rankin, Rayburn, Riordan, Rouse, Sanders (Texas), Sandlin, Sisson, Smithwick, Stearns, Stinson, Stinson, Summers (Texas), Swank, Tague, Taylor (Arkansas), Thomas, Thomsen, Upshaw, Vinson, Ward (North Carolina), Weaver, Wilson, Wingo, Wise, Willis (Virginia), Wright.

Specials—London, 1

AGAINST THE SENATE AMENDMENT—Republicans, 170

Andrew (Massachusetts), Anson, Appleby, Arenas, Atkinson, MacFarland, Beady, Bixler, Blalock, Bond, Bowers, Britton, Brooks (Pennsylvania), Brown (Tennessee), Burdick, Burroughs, Burton, Butler, Brooks (Connecticut), Chandler (New York), Chandler (Oklahoma), Chittenden, Clarke (New York), Clouse, Codd, Cole (Iowa), Connell, Conroy (Pennsylvania), Coughlin, Crago, Crowther, Dale, Dallinger, Darnew, Deming, Dunbar, Dyer, Eichel, Edmonds, Elliott, Ellis, Fairchild, Fairfield, Fenn, Fish, Fitch, Fordney, Fren, French, Frothingham, Gurnea (Pennsylvania), Goodkykoontz, Graham (Pennsylvania), Green (Massachusetts), Greens (Vermont), Grist, Hadley, Hardy (Colorado), Hawley, Hersey, Hickey, Hicks, Hill, Hines, Hogan, Houston, Ireland, Johnson (Washington), Jones (Pennsylvania), Kahn, Kelley (Michigan), Kendall, Kennedy, Kirpatrick, Kissel, Kline (New York), Kline (Pennsylvania), Knutson, Kraus, Krider, Langley, Larson (Minnesota), Layton, Leatherwood, Leo (New York), Lehigh, Longworth, Luce, Lullinger, McArthur (Michigan), McLaughlin (Pennsylvania), McPherson, MacGregor, Madden, Magee, Mapes, Merrill, Michener, Miller, Mills, Millepaugh, Mondell, Montoya, Moore (Illinois), Moore (Indiana), Mudd, Newton (Minnesota), Newton (Missouri), Norton, Orr, Osborne, Paige, Parker (New Jersey), Parks, Perkins, Porter, Pringle, Purnell, Radcliffe, Ramsley.

Reber, Reese, Reed (New York), Reed (West Virginia), Riddick, Robertson, Rodenberg, Rogers, Rose, Rosedale, Ryan, Sanders (Indiana), Sanders (New York), Scott (Michigan), Shreve, Sizer, Smith (Idaho), Smith (Michigan), Sprout, Stephens, Strong (Pennsylvania), Taylor (New Jersey), Taylor (Tennessee), Temple, Timberlake, Tinkham, Treadway, Underhill, Valle, Vestal, York, Yost, Ward (New York), Watson, Webster, White (Maine), Whitlow, Wood (Indiana), Woodyard, Wurzbach, Wyatt.

Democrats, 3

Campbell (Pennsylvania), Deal, Hawes, Total, 173.

Members paired were:
For the Senate amendment—Republicans—Bland (Indiana), Cooper (Ohio), Rosenbloom—2.
Democrats—Bell, Floyd, Lyon, Kitchin, Oliver, Poy, Sullivan—7. Total, 19.

Reserves Go to Rescue Of Detectives in Fight

Three Members of Henry's Staff Nearly Vanquished Ere Piano Movers Are Arrested

Three detectives of Inspector Dominick Henry's staff were fought to a standstill last night by three piano movers on Third Avenue at 180th Street, when an attempt was made to arrest the men for reckless driving. The piano men resisted and were rapidly overpowering the detectives when they were rescued by reserves from the Morrisania police station.

The men in custody are Robert Moorhead, thirty-five years old, of 2450 Second Avenue, charged with reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and illegally transporting liquor; George Heinken, thirty-eight, 2267 Turnbull Avenue, the Bronx, charged with assault and drunkenness; and Thomas Morris, forty-eight, 461 East 148th Street, charged with assault and disorderly conduct. In night court they were held in \$1,000 bail each.

The detectives were in an automobile going south in Washington Avenue. At 174th Street the truck in which Moorhead and his companions were riding began to swerve over the street. When ordered to stop, the truck sped up. Detective Cowan, in charge of the detective detail, jumped from the automobile to the truck tailboard and drew his revolver, ordering Moorhead to stop. The latter shut down his motor, climbed over the seat and went into a crouch with Cowan, whose two companions were at once engaged by Heinken and Morris. The fight raged twenty minutes and attracted a large crowd, which cheered the combatants.

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