

TUBERCULOSIS AND CANCER IN CHICAGO BEEF!

CITY AND BEEF TRUST

The Illinois State Board of Health Hits Both of Them Hard in Circular.

Duty of the City Administration with Regard to Meat Inspection Is Very Plain.

The new government law, as everybody knows, does not provide for the inspection of meat consumed in Chicago and Illinois.

The strange apathy of the Chicago authorities in the matter of Beef Trust violations of the law, is arousing the attention of the entire country.

The flooding of Chicago and the State of Illinois with lumpy jaw, tubercular and cancerous beef is causing widespread indignation.

The Illinois State Board of Health has just issued a strong circular containing recommendations to municipalities concerning the supervision and inspection of slaughter houses, packing houses, etc.

The following extracts show how hard the circular hits the city government of Chicago:

"The Illinois State Board of Health, by special resolution, adopted at a regular meeting, held in Chicago June 20th and 21st, 1905, urgently recommends to the mayors and councils of all cities and the presidents and boards of trustees of all villages, and to all other health officials in all parts of the State, the enactment and enforcement of ordinances providing for the supervision and the regular and systematic inspection of all slaughter houses, packing houses, storage houses, markets, cellars and all other establishments used for the preparation, manufacture, storage or sale of food intended for human consumption.

"The health of the people is largely dependent upon the purity, quality and cleanliness of their food and these may be controlled and guaranteed to the people only through the conscientious efforts of health officials acting under the powers conferred upon them by the statutes.

"The people of each municipality have the right to expect that the officials whom they have entrusted with the enforcement of the law, will give them every possible protection provided by the law, and the statutes of the State of Illinois are so liberal in their construction as to give to the municipality full power to control all of those things which may in any way effect the health of the people.

"Under the provisions of an act to provide for the incorporation of cities and villages, approved April 10, 1872, (Revised Statutes, Chapter 24, Section 62), the councils in cities and the presidents and the board of trustees in villages are empowered to regulate the sale of meat, poultry, fish, butter, cheese, lard, vegetables and all other provisions; to prescribe its quality; to provide for the inspection of all articles of food; to declare what shall constitute a nuisance and to abate same and to fine all who permit nuisances to exist; to prescribe its powers and duties; TO DO ALL ACTS AND MAKE ALL REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTH OR TO PREVENT DISEASE; to direct location and regulate the management and construction of packing houses either within the limits of the corporation or within one mile from its boundaries; to compel the owner of any grocery or any unwholesome or noxious place to cleanse and abate or remove same and to regulate its location. Under the provisions of the same law, municipalities are empowered to impose fines, not exceeding \$200 for each offense, or imprisonment, not exceeding six months, for the violation of any of its ordinances."

"Aside from the specific provisions of the law, quoted above, the one provision, empowering the municipality TO DO ALL ACTS AND MAKE ALL REGULATIONS TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND PREVENT DISEASE, gives ample authority for the local officials to undertake the supervision and systematic inspection of those places in which food for human consumption is either prepared, manufactured, stored or offered for sale. However, the specific provisions of the statute remove all doubt as to the limits to which the municipality may go in the protection of the health of the people."

"Animal food is particularly susceptible to bacterial action and to decomposition which is hastened by killing and handling in filthy slaughter houses or by improper refrigeration and storage."

"MEAT FROM DISEASED ANIMALS, TOO FREQUENTLY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN FOOD, MAY BE PRODUCTIVE OF WIDESPREAD DISEASE AMONG THOSE WHO CONSUME IT."

"The oft repeated statement that cooking will remove the poisonous properties of spoiled meat is not to be relied upon."

"In view of these facts, it is the duty of the health officials of all municipalities to establish such supervision and inspection as will render impossible the maintenance of unsanitary slaughter houses and packing houses, the killing of diseased animals or the sale of

meats and other foods which, by their original character, or changes which have taken place in them, are unfit for human consumption."

"The presence of a sick or diseased animal in a slaughter house should place the establishment under suspicion as one in which such animals are slaughtered for human consumption. Any unound meat or carcass found in a slaughter house or in a market should be assumed as being there for sale."

Notwithstanding its apathy and as poor as the city inspection is at the Stock Yards because of the very small number of inspectors, the government inspection is worse. In fact the government inspection is a farce as is proven by the following extract from the Chicago Health Department report for the week ending September 16, 1905:

"The Department Inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed 95,008 pounds of meats. Of this amount 11,545 pounds were condemned by the Department Inspectors after having been passed by other inspectors."

"The 'other inspectors' are the government inspectors."

If Mayor Dunne's administration destroyed over 3,000,000 pounds of cancerous and tubercular meat in five months, by the inspection work of only eleven inspectors, how many billions of pounds of cancer and tuberculosis were fed to the people during the years that there was no city inspection?

The pure food laws will, of course, be enforced against some poor little grocer. But against the Beef Trust, never!

How many tuberculous or lumpy jaw cattle have been released from "quarantine" by order of the Health Department?

What object can the members of the Beef Trust have in opposing the Illinois pure food laws and wanting them amended?

During the week ending Sept. 8 the few city meat inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed 88,008 pounds of meats. The food inspectors in the "loop district" condemned and destroyed 47,802 pounds of unfit foodstuffs.

A million pounds of bad meat sold outside the loop district were eaten by the people. No inspection.

The Beef Trust continues to spread tuberculosis, cancer and other diseases with impunity.

One fact that escapes general attention is that the intestines, blood, liver, heart and lights (or lungs) of an animal are already used before the carcass proper gets to the inspector. This includes also what is known as the gut fats, out of which lard, suet, table oils and various other things are made.

As soon as a beef is killed, it is hung up by the heels and disembowelled. All of the "innards" are hauled away.

Even the blood is received into a receptacle and carried off to be made into blood sausage, beef extract and the like.

The intestines are carried to the sausage rooms to be used as casings. The stomach goes elsewhere to be used as tripe.

The liver, lights, heart, etc., find a ready market. And, mind you, every bit of these portions of the "critter" are used whether it is suffering from cancer, tuberculosis, lumpy jaw, or any other disease.

The carcass after its "innards" are removed is swung along and carried to another place where the inspectors pass upon it or pretend to pass upon it.

Dr. C. J. Whalen, the efficient Health Commissioner of Chicago, reported the condemnation of nearly four million pounds of meat during the four months ending December 30, 1905.

Now 85 per cent of these 4,000,000 pounds were found to be afflicted with tuberculosis.

Every ounce of these 4,000,000 pounds belonged to the main carcass and had passed government inspection. What about the hearts, livers, lights, intestines, fats, blood, tripe and other internal belongings of these tuberculous cattle from which 4,000,000 pounds of tuberculosis and cancerous meat were found and condemned?



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jawed cattle for food than ever. On the very day that the city discontinued its inspection and condemnation, the Commissioner of Health of Chicago issued the following remarkable instructions in his bulletin of December 30, 1905:

"The Commissioner has issued the following instructions to the chief inspector at the Union Stock Yards: 'While actinomycosis is usually confined to the head, and may be said in one sense to be a localized disease, and while some inspectors condemn only the part involved, I believe it is the safest and most practicable to condemn the entire carcass wherever the actinomycotic abscess opens into the mouth, pharynx, larynx or any part of the digestive or respiratory tract; or when the lymphatic glands are involved; or where there are actinomycotic tumors in the lungs; or when the lesions have become generalised, since generalisation in actinomycosis appears to run a very atypical course, making the detection of all foci inside the muscle very difficult; therefore, the entire carcass is to be condemned.'

"In cases where the actinomycotic lesions are positively localized, the infected part may be cut away and the remains of the carcass used."

"These instructions apply only to 'lumpy jaw.' There may be other reasons why you should want to condemn a carcass, and it is then a matter of judgment for you and your men. But you should never hesitate to condemn if you believe the animal to be not fit for human food."

Milk Fed Chickens. A correspondent asks if milk is proper food for chickens. All authorities say not. No fowl will live on fluid food. Chickens have gizzards which alone prove that nature intends them to be eaters of grain and other hard foods which need crushing. Milk is utterly unfit for poultry and is likely to give poultry what it gives to numerous human beings—tuberculosis. Milk is the food of calves and animals born alive. But not of any animal that is hatched.

All pork for Germany is examined carefully for trichina before exporting. Pork for Great Britain is never examined for trichina.

Hence the following figures may be interesting: In 1904 Great Britain imported from the United States 7,574,450 pounds of canned pork, valued at \$770,468, and 13,909,051 pounds of fresh pork, valued at \$1,200,855.

In 1904 Germany imported from the United States 48,100 pounds of canned pork, valued at \$4,835 and NO FRESH PORK WHATSOEVER. Germany protects her people from plague.

The Beef Trust is still causing the deaths of thousands of people by the selling of diseased meat.

No matter what a few "experts" found or what some "business associations" saw in their "investigations," the fact remains that the Beef Trust is still at the old stand.

A trust that will sell rotten, diseased meat to people will not stop at anything to deceive the public.

Every day one reads in the daily papers about what some wise "expert" has to say about the awful untruths told about the poor, innocent packers.

But the "poor, innocent packers" don't seem to have any "experts" writing for the Bulletin of the Chicago Health Department, for in its report for the week ending July 7, 1905, it says that "the inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed a total of 151,136 pounds of unfit meats."

caused meat condemned in one week by a mere handful of inspectors. How much diseased meat gets out of the yards the Lord only knows!

But if 151,136 pounds of diseased meat is condemned by a few inspectors, the reader can easily imagine how much unfit food is placed on the market.

Secretary Wilson says that the government will enforce the meat bill in its entirety.

Now that may be all right in its way, but the fact remains that government inspection has been a failure in the past.

And the only relief that the public can hope for is a rigid investigation by the Illinois Legislature.

The Legislature must investigate this awful trust, for the health of the people of Chicago, Illinois and the whole country is at stake.

The eyes of the whole country will be turned on the Illinois Legislators, and if they fail to do their duty in protecting the lives of the nation they will be branded as cowards.

The Illinois Legislature must do its duty and stop the worst menace to our public health that we have got.

The Beef Trust can now laugh at the law, but there is a day of reckoning coming.

The Illinois Legislature has a duty to perform, and it must do it.

The Beef Trust must be stopped!

If people knew what the Turtle soup, Chicken soup, Clam chowder, and Other soups sold by the Beef Trust were made of they would be surprised as well as disgusted.

Notwithstanding the fake government inspection which gives the Beef Trust a clean bill of health, the few city meat inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed 116,120 pounds of food. This includes, besides the cattle, calves, hogs and sheep usually condemned, four barrels of sausage meat, one barrel of beef hams and fifty-three dozen cans of meat.

This from the report of the Chicago Health Department for the week ending Sept. 22, 1905.

destroyed 2,794,068 pounds of meat, as being unfit for food; all of which would have been sold in the city of Chicago, and for which the purchaser would have paid first-class prices."

"From these figures it is very evident that inspection by the city of all food products is of untold value, not only from a financial but from a sanitary and hygienic standpoint."

"The following will show how necessary city inspection is at the Union Stock Yards: 'The city meat inspectors have condemned in the coolers and on the cutting floors AFTER PASSING GOVERNMENT INSPECTION: '125 cattle, cause, actinomycosis, '97 cattle, cause, emaciation, '24 cattle, cause, tuberculosis, evidence of disease having been trimmed out, '16 cattle, cause, 'downers', '27 sheep, cause, pneumonia, '94 hogs, cause, pyaemia and tuberculosis, '47,720 pounds of cut meats shipped from St. Louis, Omaha, etc., for canning. This meat was sour and slimy.'"

Beef Trust apologists say that most of the criticism of their methods is due to "dramatic license." Is there any "dramatic license" in the condemnation of over 3,000,000 pounds of beef containing tuberculosis in the short space of three months? Is there any "dramatic license" about official health department reports?

If people want to find out what the daily press of Chicago is like let them investigate its columns for three months. The Eagle has been fighting the Beef Trust since October last. It fought the Trust months before the "Jungle" was printed, as our readers know. But the daily papers were too busy printing Beef Trust ads to help the cause of Pure Food.

Remember the Beef Trust when you are voting for candidates for the Legislature.

The Illinois Legislature must investigate the Beef Trust.

The Beef Trust's unclean packing plants must be torn down.

"The inspectors at the Union Stock Yards condemned and destroyed 89 cattle, 208 hogs, 13 sheep, 50 calves, 1,565 pounds of sausage, 5,774 pounds of cut meats—a total of 108,084 pounds."—Bulletin of the Chicago Health Department, week ending July 21st.

Don't vote for any candidate for the Legislature who is not an enemy of the Beef Trust!

Bust the Beef Trust!

The Beef Trust is sending money into Germany to stir up strife and force the government to permit the importation of its meats.

The Chicago Beef Trust house which pleaded guilty in Pennsylvania to the charge of selling poisonous and adulterated sausages, was fined on two charges.

THE MILK FED PRESS.

Beef Trust, Medicine Trust, Pure Food Foes, Patent Medicine Fiends Control State Legislation.

Illinois Is the Only State in the Union Where the People Are Asleep.

Beef Trusts and other Corporations that are crooked or that want much from the Legislature without letting the people get on to the fact; and patent medicine trusts that are afraid the people will learn that they are selling poisons have discovered a new way of controlling public opinion without showing their own hand. They do their business through professional advertising agents, who claim to be able to handle the daily and country press. In turn the advertising agents put in large ads. for the Beef Trust, the Medicine Trust or some other trust as the case may be, always stipulating in their contracts that all contracts for advertising are void if the State Legislature passes any law inimical to the Beef Trust, Medicine Trust. That is about as comprehensive, as frankly impudent a scheme of controlling legislation as it is possible to imagine. And so the Patent Medicine Trust of America, for one, maintains a lawyer in Chicago, and a permanent secretary, office and staff. In every State capital in the United States it maintains an agent whose business it is to watch during the session of the Legislature each day's batch of new bills, and whenever a bill affecting patent medicines shows its head to telegraph the bill, verbatim, to headquarters. There some scores of printed copies of the bill are

made, and a copy is sent to every member of the association. Thereupon each manufacturer looks up the list of papers in the threatened State with which he has the contracts described above. And to each newspaper he sends a peremptory telegram calling the publisher's attention to the obligations of his contract, and commanding him to go to work to defeat the anti-patent-medicine bill. In practice, this organization works with smooth perfection and well-oiled accuracy to defeat the public health legislation which is introduced by boards of health in over a score of States every year.

Watch the daily newspapers whenever a trust is being assailed and see how the advertising columns are loaded with glaring calls to partake of wonderful delicacies.

In this connection, and in the absence of any reference to the "breakfast delicacies" of the Beef Trust, where there is life, there is soap.

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leged beef trust controls incidentally the domestic hide market, which Congress closed practically for the benefit of the beef trust by clapping a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on foreign hides. The alleged beef trust, according to Associated Press dispatches, now also controls the domestic tanning industry. Hence the beef trust fixes now the cost of the leather, the raw material out of which shoes are made and hence it controls both the prices of shoes in the domestic market and in the export shoe trade, built up at great expense by our shoe manufacturers.

Furthermore, it is common knowledge that the domestic price of butter, eggs, butterine, dressed poultry, the grains, fruits, vegetables, apples, potato tubers and probably other foods is regulated largely by the same trust of corporations.

It is being an organization in restraint of trade besides violating every detail of the Anti-Trust Law.

Fraud in Products Sold—Millions of pounds of beef, pork, mutton, sausage and other products have been sold under false names and false representations, containing materials other than those represented to the buyer.

Fraud in Beef Sold—Millions of pounds of inferior beef have been sold to government and private consumers.

Killing Independent Concerns—The Beef Trust has organized and still is organizing fake independent companies as a final desperate measure to crush competitors who refuse to buy of the trust.

Rebates to Dealers—In every town at least one principal dealer gets a secret rebate in consideration of his agreement to buy no "outside" or independent beef, pork or mutton.

Secret Service Methods—Canvassers are sent out in the guise of distributors to secure the names of persons buying independent beef.

Crushing Competitors—Beef is sold at cost and below until independent competitors are driven out.

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The Beef Trust counts upon electing a majority of the Illinois delegation to Congress next year.

ago that Chicago business associations deplored the attacks on the Beef Trust because they were just as guilty themselves.

An investigation of the Beef Trust by the Illinois Legislature is the only thing that will stop that awful trust.

Why does not the Attorney General of Illinois get after the Beef Trust on the following points: Anti-Trust Law Violated.—It is violating the trust laws of Illinois by parceling out territory between subordinate concerns.

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Commissioner Whalen has a chance to make a national reputation for himself by throwing all of his energy into the campaign against the Beef Trust. The people have no faith in government inspection, and even if they had, it does not protect Chicago or Illinoisans. Government inspection only covers meats intended for shipment to other States or to foreign countries. The people are watching this thing closely and will not be fooled all of the time.

Chicago is the dumping ground for lumpy jaw cattle. The Beef Trust thrives.

The people will demand that the Illinois legislature investigate the Beef Trust.

The discovery of tons of rotten canned goods and decayed material intended for food in the possession of Chicago business houses, bears out the Eagle's declaration made some time