

McKELLARSAYS DEPARTMENT PROTECTS GOLD STORAGE MEN

Congressman Who Started Food Investigation Says Federal Report Is an Attempt to Whitewash Egg Trust.

Believes Statement That Natural Causes Brought Down Prices Was Issued With Approval of Secretary.

That the Department of Agriculture, in a statement issued today, attempts to whitewash the cold storage men and charge nature alone with the responsibility of causing the egg shortage, was the declaration of Congressman McKellar of Tennessee today.

Mr. McKellar renounced his intentions to resume his attack on cold storage trusts, whether or not it met with the approval of the Agricultural Department, and declared that if the high prices of foodstuffs were to be reduced, regulation of cold storage must be had.

Belittles His Efforts.
"I regret exceedingly that the department should, the day after I made my argument in the House in an attempt to aid the American people in obtaining their food supplies at lower prices, have published a report which is apparently an effort of the department to whitewash the cold storage men and to belittle my efforts," said McKellar.

"In all candor, however, I want to say that I am still in the fight to lower the price of foodstuffs for the American people. Regulation of cold storage must be had to accomplish this result fully."

McKellar expressed disappointment that the department did not reveal the source of its information.

"I personally believe the department for information as to how the production of eggs for 1913 compared with the production of preceding years, and it informed me that it did not have such information. It is certainly an interesting query as to how the department got the inside statistics on the action of the various pullets in the country for the last two weeks. Evidently the pullets have talked more lately than the packers have done."

Asked For Aid.
"Early last week I called upon Secretary Houston and asked him to aid me in my efforts. He informed me that there would be a meeting of his bureau chiefs and invited me to attend. I have never been invited. The department knew of my efforts and my interest in the matter. It is astounding to me that this report should be published without notice to me. I am sure that Secretary Houston was not advised as to this report or he would have remembered his promise to me. This report must have been given out without Secretary Houston's knowledge."

To Be Launched Soon.
The Congressional investigation of the high living cost, as epitomized by egg prices of the last few weeks, will be launched this afternoon or early tomorrow morning.

The special subcommittee of the Interstate Commerce Commission appointed for the purpose will organize, with Congressman McKellar presenting the case against the storage interests. With the subcommittee investigation, the light on egg prices will take a new turn.

The full Interstate Commerce Commission met this morning, but it will not take up the cost of living investigation until the subcommittee has had opportunity to collect its facts.

This subcommittee no doubt will have the cooperation of agents of the Department of Justice, who, acting under instructions from Attorney General Reynolds, have been investigating cold storage interests and the egg prices.

FREED OF CHARGE OF SLAYING WOMAN



DR. WILLIAM B. CRAIG.

CRAIG IS CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Judge Orders Jury to Put in Not Guilty Verdict in Knabe Case.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 9.—Dr. William B. Craig, dean of Indiana Veterinary College, today was acquitted of the charge of murdering Dr. Helene Knabe in her apartments in Indianapolis, October 23, 1911. After a trial lasting since November 23, and with only the State's side presented, the defense motion to take the case from the jury and dismiss was granted by Judge Blair today.

At 10:02, the jury brought in a formal verdict of acquittal. Judge Blair held that the State had introduced no evidence that Craig had murdered Dr. Knabe.

"I recognize the unusual procedure of taking a case of such magnitude from the jury," said the court, "but I have gone through the evidence and find that the State failed to support its charge."

The indictment against Alfonso M. Ragsdale, indicted jointly with Dr. Craig was nolleed by Frank Baker, prosecutor of Marion county today. Ragsdale was executor of the estate of Dr. Knabe and in the indictment was charged with being an accessory after the fact by secreting evidence incriminating Dr. Craig.

RAILWAY COMPANY SHOWS ITS RECORDS

Books Demanded By Public Utilities Commission Opened Behind Closed Doors.

The officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company appeared before Engineer Commissioner Harding at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with the books and records demanded by the Public Utilities Commission in its investigation of the payment by the company of an extra dividend of 1 per cent on its common stock was denied.

The hearing was conducted behind closed doors.

The commission, it is understood, is inquiring particularly into statements in the preliminary report of Statistician Williams concerning the company's surplus and depreciation account. Strict compliance is demanded, with the assurance of the officials of the corporation that they would produce for the information of the commission all the information demanded if the public were excluded. Included in the list is the original notes of the proceedings at the meeting of the board of directors October 15, at which the extra dividend of 1 per cent on the common stock was declared. The records of the company showing the earnings credited to surplus, and the records showing the income of the Washington Railway and Electric Company from the period of its organization until June 29, 1913, and also the book showing the income and from what sources the income was derived.

Man Drops Pistol; Passenger Is Shot

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 9.—Phillips Leeds, of Des Moines, Iowa, is expected to die as the result of a peculiar accident on a Southern railway train last night. Leeds was seated in a first-class passenger car, and when it exploded a bullet penetrated Leeds' abdomen.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.
Met at 10 o'clock.
Passed resolution giving Senator Jones a clerk.
Pointdexter direct elections bill discussed.
Currency debate resumed. Expected bill will be debated before holidays.

HOUSE.
Met at noon.
Lobby Committee's report read.
Bill reported for gratuity to widow of District Sub-committee decided to begin investigation on Friday of alleged excess law violations.
Congressman Goldfogel of New York named by Ways and Means Committee for place on Rules Committee.

COMMITTEE OF HOUSE HOLDS WILSON LOBBY CHARGES TRUE

McDermott, Accused By Col. Mulhall, Found Guilty of Impropropriety—Influence of N. A. M. Is Not Determined.

Congressman Macdonald of Michigan Files Minority Report More Drastic in Nature Than the Other.

President Wilson's charges of "insidious lobbying" in Congress were sustained by a final report today to the House of its special "lobby" investigating committee. Democrats and Republicans joined in a report denouncing lobbying and lobbyists, and largely sustaining the famous "Mulhall charges," including those against the National Association of Manufacturers and affiliated organizations. Congressman Macdonald, Progressive committee member, filed a separate report, more drastic than the majority findings.

Chairman Garrett filed the reports with the House and asked immediate consideration and adoption.

That the National Association of Manufacturers "was guilty of improperly preventing and seeking to prevent legislation" was declared unanimously. The entire committee also exonerated the American Federation of Labor from "corrupt and illegitimate lobbying." It also gave a clean bill of health to Congressmen Sarthout, Burke, Calder, Sherry, Webb and Fairchild, named by Mulhall.

Regarding Congressman James A. McDermott, Democrat of Illinois, the committee declared:

"We cannot say he has been corrupted in his votes, but we would shield a duty we owe to the House and to the country did we not say that we are driven, much to our regret, to the conclusion that he has been guilty of acts of grave impropriety, unbecoming the dignity of the distinguished position he occupies."

Congressman Macdonald said McDermott was a "case of individual villainy" resulting from the vicious and corrupting influences which are shown to have been in operation around the House and any refusal to recognize the enormity of such shocking disregard by a member of the House would be tantamount to waiving the standing of the House. The disciplinary powers of the House must be rigorously and unsparringly applied.

Fail To Recommend.

No steps to punish McDermott, by impeachment or otherwise, were recommended by the majority. Such proceedings are expected, however.

That McDermott borrowed money from Washington brokers he knew to be fighting "loan shark" legislation, borrowed money from Colonel Mulhall, gave or allowed Mulhall the use of a separate room in the Capitol, and borrowed money from J. H. McMichael, chief agent, knowing him to be employed by the National Association of Manufacturers through Mulhall, was the unanimous indictment of the committee.

"We do not find that its lobby has improperly affected or prevented legislation," the committee declared, "but we vigorously opposed election of candidates opposed to its policies, but your committee has no method of divining the extent to which Congressmen have been influenced against their better judgments by fear of its political power."

The report defined a "lobby" to be: "A person or body of persons seeking to influence legislation by Congress in any manner whatsoever."

To Fight Labor.
That the N. A. M. was organized to fight "labor" was asserted by the committee.

WIDE SEARCH FOR LOST McCANN GIRL

Strangest of Disappearances Since Dorothy Arnold Vanished, Puzzles Authorities of Many States

Thorough Hunt Is on Through the Criminal Jungles of the Metropolis Under Direction of Mayor Kline, But So Far Without a Single Clue—Alice Rohe Describes "Port of Missing Women."

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Again the vanishing from the streets of New York in daylight, of a young woman of culture and refinement, has set the police to beating the brush of the city's great criminal jungle. The latest mystery, occurring almost to the day on the third anniversary of Dorothy Arnold's unsolved disappearance, has again focused interest of the country on New York, the Port of Missing Women.

With Mayor Kline, a personal friend of the family of Miss Jessie McCann, personally directing the efforts of the police, the city and county is being fairly combed for clues. Again the thinking women of this and all other man-ruled cities are facing the problem of marking the dangerous shoals—shoals which take a heavier toll of woman and girl life in a year's time than the country's entire Atlantic seaboard does of seamen and sea travelers.

Inquiry at police headquarters today revealed that the total number of women and girls officially reported "missing" in New York during 1913 will be well above the thousand mark. While the police refuse to make known the exact number, in advance of the official publication of their annual report, it was learned that the year's tally will be well above those of both 1911 and 1912, when the total number of missing reported was 1,091, and 1,080, respectively.

In 1911 894 of those were subsequently located or accounted for, while 197 left absolutely no trace. Through police efforts 180 of the 1912 victims were traced, but 270 have as yet not been accounted for.

Add to these the records for Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, St. Louis, and other large cities and the number reaches an appalling total.

That the toll of oblivion always greatly exceeds the official figures, is frankly admitted by the authorities everywhere. Scores of cases are never reported to the police. Other scores have to do with girls who drop from sight in their home towns, drift to the big cities and disappear.

Cause Real Problems.
Miss Belle De Brunner, of the New York Probation Association, one of the women most experienced in women's rescue work, in commenting on the Jessie McCann case today said:

"While our experience shows that most of the girls who disappear are victims of the world old profession, it is incidents like the present one which are the real problems. We know it is literally true that good women are actually decoyed into traps and taken away by force. But it has not yet been possible to create the public interest necessary for proper prohibitive measures."

Kind of those girls who go wrong, really through ignorance, hundreds of cases are preventable. But the remedy lies in social and economic readjustment, not merely in police measures.

TO ASK WILSON FOR ANTI-NEEDLE LAW

W. C. T. U. Heads Alarmed At Disclosures of Hyoscine Gang in New York.

Bay State Board Opens Anti-"Dope" Campaign

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—A state-wide campaign against the sale of drugs to "dope fiends" will be begun by the State board of pharmacy on January 1, according to an announcement made today.

A new state law which enables the board to refuse a license to a druggist under suspicion, and give the board control over his business, but which does not prohibit the sale of any kind, will form the basis of the State campaign.

SEEKS FREE VOTE IN DISTRICT BILL

Pointdexter Offers Amendment to Strike Out Property Qualification of Voters in the Election of District Delegate to Congress—District Delegate Association Has Help of Other Bodies in Support of Change.

The District of Columbia advanced one step nearer to "home rule" today, when Senator Pointdexter of Washington introduced an amendment to his District delegate bill in the Senate this afternoon, striking out the property qualification of voters in the election of a delegate from the District of Columbia to Congress.

The amendment abolishes the obnoxious "taxpayers' clause" in the Pointdexter "home rule" bill, the qualification to the measure which would have resulted, if passed, in the denial of suffrage to thousands of eligible and responsible voters in the District.

CLAFLIN URGED CHANGE.

The eliminated provision specified that only citizens "who shall have paid a tax of not less than \$5 upon real or personal property in the District of Columbia within one year preceding the election" should have a voice in the naming of the District delegate.

Mr. Pointdexter introduced the amendment to the bill at the request of Roy C. Claflin, chairman of the District Delegate Association. In speaking of the bill, Mr. Claflin said to a representative of THE TIMES:

"The original draft of the proposed bill for the election of a District delegate was formed of a composite of opinions expressed by a number of representative citizens of the District, and some of them were very strongly in favor of a property qualification."

"For a number of weeks we have been investigating this phase of the bill with a view to amending it and through the able assistance of the office of the assistant tax assessor and others who helped to compile statements on the question, we found that a large percentage of desirable persons would be unjustly disqualified by the operation of a property clause. Therefore, I requested Senator Pointdexter to amend the bill."

Chairman Claflin announced today that the District Delegate Association is increasing its membership every day, and that the recently accorded support of the National Popular Government League was of material assistance. Resolutions have been adopted by the league favoring "home rule" in the District of Columbia. The association numbers about 2,500 members at the present time, Mr. Claflin said.

Although the District Commissioners have not yet committed themselves on the question of a District representation, it is understood the entire board is in favor of the idea and will express itself clearly within a short time.

Sentiment in the Chamber of Commerce is said to be overwhelmingly in favor of the idea. President Callahan expects to call a meeting in the near future, when the Chamber will be asked to make an official confession of faith in the "home rule" issue.

Mr. Pointdexter is expected to bring the bill to the Senate this afternoon, and that the proponents of the measure will have an opportunity to be heard at a District Committee hearing early in January.

A favorable sentiment in Congress is reported by officials of the District Delegate Association.

New York Bank Denies Unfriendly Dealings
The National City Bank of New York, whose name has been brought into discussions of the recent financial crisis in Washington, in connection with the suggestion that it has recently been unfriendly to the management of the Treasury Department, today issued a statement leaving any participation, whatever, in the Washington financial troubles. Further, the bank insists that its attitude toward the Treasury management is altogether friendly.

WILL ASK FEDERAL LONG DISTANCE LINES

Burleson and Congressman Moon Prepare to Put Ideas Into House Bill.

With the backing of Postmaster General Burleson, Congressman Moon of Tennessee, chairman of the House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads, is preparing to put in a bill for the Government ownership of the long distance telephone lines.

It was learned today that this is the plan which is likely to be followed by Congress in initiating the movement for long distance phone purposes and for telegraphing.

David J. Lewis, of Maryland, has been working on the question for weeks, gathering data.

Mr. Lewis has been investigating the Government ownership of both telegraphs and telephones.

As the result of conferences which have been held between Mr. Moon and Postmaster General Burleson, the decision has been practically reached not to attempt Government ownership of telegraph lines outright.

The plan will be to take over the long distance telephone lines. The wires and cables thus acquired can be used both for long distance phone purposes and for telegraphing.

The Government would use the telephone and telegraph system to supplement the postal service.

Postmaster General Burleson was at the White House today, and it is believed talked the question over with the President. Mr. Burleson and Mr. Moon are to have a final conference in a day or two. Mr. Burleson is eager to have the Government ownership of interstate telephone lines undertaken.

Senator Nelson opened the debate on the currency bill in the Senate this forenoon. He continued his speech of yesterday, and in the course of it strongly advocated the insurance of bank deposits.

Senator Hitchcock called for a quorum to hear Senator Nelson when most of the Democratic Senators absented themselves.

Senator Nelson commended the features of the Hitchcock bill. Senator Fitzgibbon was scheduled to speak after Senator Nelson.

Cambridge Wins Over Oxford.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—By 12 to 2 the Cambridge team this afternoon defeated Oxford in the annual Rugby football game.

"The National City Bank of New York has no knowledge of the local banking dispute in the city of Washington and its attitude toward the Treasury Department is and always has been most friendly."

Dance Tonight, Arcade Auditorium, Tonight—Fish Walk Party, Dancing Taught. Phone, Col. 3795. Not public.—Adv.

APARTMENT LEASED BY CHASE HAD WOMAN AS OCCUPANT

Attachment Writ on Furniture Brings Out New Development in Case of Y. M. C. A. Secretary Charged With Embezzlement.

Real Estate Agent Says Premises Were Rented to Charles N. Chase—Janitor Declares Occupants Were "Mr. and Mrs. Brown."

That there is a woman in the case of Charles N. Chase, financial secretary of the Y. M. C. A., charged with embezzling the funds of the institution, appeared today when furniture in an apartment at 1405 Fifteenth street northwest, leased by Chase and occupied by a woman not his wife, was attached to cover the payment of unpaid rent.

The apartment was unoccupied when United States Deputy Marshals Carlin S. Eakridge and W. J. Sammond served the writ of attachment. The woman known as "Mrs. Brown," the janitor said, had not been seen in the apartment since Friday or Saturday of last week.

Furniture Is Seized.
The deputy marshals seized the furniture and all the household effects and had them removed to a storage house pending a hearing in Municipal Court on December 16, on the attachment sworn out by Frederick W. Graham, a real estate agent, at 417 Fourteenth street northwest.

Officials of the Y. M. C. A. were astounded when they learned of this development in the case.

"There is the slightest suspicion of this," said Secretary C. J. Johnson.

Charney John E. Laskey, who has been engaged to defend Chase in the embezzlement charges, a hearing on which will be held December 16 in the United States branch of the Police Court, pronounced equal astonishment.

The writ which sealed the apartment, Charles Nelson Chase rented apart men 4, on the first floor of the 15-story apartment at 1405 Fifteenth street northwest, for a period of six and a half months, commencing September 15, 1912, and ending March 15, 1914, at \$27.50 a month.

By lease dated September 9, 1912 made between myself and said Chase, says the writ, I leased the apartment to said Chase, who accepted the lease and became the tenant."

In the search of the apartment, the deputies found little but the bare necessities of furniture, with a few pictures on the walls. There were no letters or papers that would throw any light on the identity of the woman named "Mrs. Brown."

A passbook on the Commercial National bank, showing an account of \$30 in the name of Ray Brown, and receipts showing payments to the electric light and gas companies, also made out in the name of Ray Brown, were found.

Unknown At Bank.

At the Commercial National Bank, Assistant Cashier Cahill declared that there was only a "Ray Brown" Mr. Cahill declared no one at the bank had any personal knowledge of the identity of Ray Brown. The signature, however, appeared to be that of a man.

There was no piano in the apartment but there were several covers of music on the library table. "When I Get You Alone Tonight," "Everybody Loves a Chickie," "Love, Honor and Obedience," and "Love, Honor and Obedience" were some of the titles.

The janitor said today that the apartment had been occupied by a man and a woman known to him as Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown.