

MEAT MAGNATE ADMITS EFFORT TO FORM GIANT PACKING TRUST

Armour Insists Such Merger Would Be Ideal Solution: Faces Six-hour Grilling Cross Quiz by Henny.

\$10,000,000 PROFITS IN SOUTH AMERICA HIDDEN

Boss Packer Begs to Be Released, but Plea Refused; Must Resume Stand Monday in the Senate Probe.

How packers prorated joint expenses according to Francis J. Henny: Armour—42 per cent. Morris—17 per cent. Swift—40 per cent. Wilson—11 per cent.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER.

Washington, Jan. 25.—J. Ogden Armour tried to merge all the packers of the United States into one giant monopoly, he admitted to the senate agriculture committee today.

A tacit agreement among packers to maintain established percentages in division of business. That branch houses of the big packers work together.

He held out \$10,000,000 South American profits from the financial statement submitted to the senate committee.

Planned Giant Trust. After the Veeder pool was broken up in 1907, Armour conspired with New York bankers in an attempt to form a \$90,000,000 corporation to include all the important packing plants in the United States, Henny charged.

Favors Large Units. "You think the five packers could join and still give the same service at a saving?" Henny asked.

SLACKER TINGE FEAR REASON OF SHOOTING BY CRAZED HUSBAND

Newark, Ohio, Jan. 25.—Bertram Ripley, 41, who shot and severely wounded his wife and Sergeant Maitland Petrie of the Marine Corps, and then committed suicide today, was said by friends tonight to have been driven insane by the fear that he was regarded as a slacker.

RUSS REDS PROBABLY TO REJECT PROPOSAL FOR JOINT CONCLAVE

Soviets' Foreign Minister Intimates Proffer to Be Spurned; Fears Trap by Entente.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine, of the Russian soviet government, sent a wireless to the newspaper Populaire today intimating the Bolsheviks may not attend the proposed joint conference with the associated powers on Prince's islands.

He said the official text of the invitation had not been received and that in view of the recent attitude of the allies such a proposal sounded unlikely to them.

INSISTS U. S. NEEDS IT FOR OWN PROTECTION

Senator Lewis Says Wilson strives for Nation League to Guarantee the Future Peace of Our Own Land.

New York, Jan. 25.—The United States strives for a league of nations to "guarantee the future peace of our own land," and not for any other people, Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois declared in an address here tonight at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania society of New York.

"We went to war to secure our own peace and to assure our own safety. Let there be no longer misconception that we went to war against Prussia only for France, England or any people other than our own."

UNION OF GERMANY WITH AUSTRIA WILL BE FIRST QUESTION

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Union of Germany with Austria will be the first question to be taken up by the national assembly at Weimar, Foreign Secretary Brockdorff-Rantzau announced today.

CADILLAC AND HUDSON AUTOMOBILES CRASH ON EIGHTH BY POSTOFFICE

At 5:10 Saturday evening a Cadillac collided with a Hudson directly in front of the federal building, the Cadillac suffering a broken radiator, both fenders crumpled up and the front axle bent, with minor injuries to the Hudson.

STARTS DEMOBILIZATION OF BRITISH GRAND FLEET

Edinburgh, Jan. 25.—Demobilization of the British grand fleet will begin tomorrow when the first unit will assume the duties it fulfilled before the war of patrolling the seas.

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PLAN SPEEDIER TRANSPORT OF A. E. F. TROOPS VIA HUN LINERS

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He did not announce the overseas discharge totals this week, but the war department is still pursuing its policy of bringing home men of the A. E. F. force just as fast as shipping is available.

Answers Mann Charge. With many instances current of soldiers' behavior of late, orders have been issued compelling each soldier to send home a card with his organization, location and state of health noted.

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Dollar Jumps in Size as Produce Slumps in Value

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Produce and provision men here tonight saw a break in the defenses of the high cost of living.

The sudden stopping of foreign demand was the principal cause of break in the produce market.

18 U. S. SOLDIERS DIE IN TRAIN WRECK OVERSEAS. Paris, Jan. 25.—Eighteen soldiers were killed and thirty injured today when an American troop train from Neufchateau collided with a freight train near Chaumont.

HARDEST BARRIERS IN PEACE PATH REMOVED

Most Difficult Problems, League of Nations and Russian Status, on Road to Solution; Compromise Spirit Revealed.

By J. W. T. MASON.

New York, Jan. 25.—The peace conference this week has passed through the difficult phase of preliminary discussion and has begun to get results.

FRANCE AIDS PROGRESS. The acceptance by France of the American and British proposal for a meeting of all the Russian factions was given against France's better judgment.

MORAL PENALTIES. The nations forming the league will not be called upon to go to war against a member which respects the league's decisions, according to present indications of what the league's constitution will provide.

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In Opening Discussion of Subject, President Says Conference Are Agents of Peoples, Not Governments.

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REPORT REPUBLICAN FORCES TRIUMPH IN BATTLE FOR LISBON

Latest Dispatches Say Royalists Decisively Defeated; Great Combat Nears for Oporto Possession.

London, Jan. 25.—With a great battle imminent for possession of Oporto, the republican forces apparently have won an important victory in Lisbon.

A dispatch from the capital, filed yesterday evening, said the republicans were "completely victorious" at the end of the fighting there.

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8 OKLAHOMANS DIE IN NITRO EXPLOSION. Terrific Blast in Center of Big Heart Razes Nearby Residences; Over Score Badly Injured.

Big Heart, Okla., Jan. 25.—Eight people were killed and more than a score severely injured when a nitro-glycerine wagon, belonging to the Eastern Torpedo company, exploded in the heart of the residence district here today.

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DECISIVE STEP TAKEN TO CURB WARS; HUNISM REIGN DOOMED

Peace Congress Names Committees to Further Nation League Plans and Fix Punishment of War Makers.

ACT TO DECIDE SUM HUN MUST PAY FOR RAVAGES

Wilson and House Represent U. S. on League Board; President Says America for It Not Because of Fear.

By FRED S. FERGUSON.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The general peace congress took steps today to avert future wars and punish those responsible for the present one.

TO PRESERVE PEACE. "The league of nations seems necessary to me both in reaching the conclusion of peace and preserving the peace of the world," he said.

NOT THROUGH FEAR. "The ardor of the United States for the league of nations, therefore, is not the result of fear, but America will feel she has fought in vain if the peace is not a lasting peace for humanity."

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