Bankers Use It to Bring About Peace.

RUSSIA IS YIELDING

Condition of Paris Loan Is That War Must End.

STEPS ARE ALREADY TAKEN

French Insist That Loan Must Not Be Burnt Up in Battles Japan May Want to Take Vladivostok First.

PARIS, March 25.-The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent sends an enconfirmed report that Japanese torpedo bonts have succeeded in damaging Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's battleships Sissoi, Veliky and Navaria.

PARIS, March 34.-Prospects of peace today as the result of the announcement of the resumption of negotiations for a

Russian loan, Postponement of the loan through the stand taken by the financial the present. element against proceeding while the un-certainties of war continued, while a willingness, to resume negotiations was con-strued as meaning that this strong influ-toward the war fund, official Washington. ence had finally prevalled with the authorities at St. Petersburg. The announcement of the resumption of negotiations marks the beginning of peace negotiatook definite form in a communication to tions. The several European Ambassa-the syndicate of agents de change, who dors directly interested are anxiously form an influential element on the Bourse," awaiting news from their foreign offices holding government credentials.

The effect of the first announcement was to stimulate the market, and particularly Russian securities. A reaction occurred on fears as to the effect that the heavy mands of the loan would have on the market, and doubts concerning the uses to which the loan will be put. However, to which the form the accepted view of the war come to an early ending, he aroute finenciers that the proceeds of the loan will not be applied to the further contin-

usnce of the war It is understood that one of the inducewas that a considerable portion of the peace is now possible. proceeds shall remain in France to meet the interest coupons of other loans and that the placing of contracts for government supplies will be required, even after

Steps Towards Peace Taken.

resumption of the loan negotiations came today, with the exception of the exact with convulsions. Dr. Wade, of this a strong intimation from official and diplo- date of issue. This has not yet been dematic quarters that steps looking toward cided, but it will not be delayed. The place, was called and pronounced it a peace had been definitely taken by Russamount is \$150,000,000, with interest at 414 case of strychnine poisoning, but being Japanese loan negotiated in London and size The Evreign Office declined to con. Per cent. The price of the issue is 50, and an overtione, the drug served as its own. firm a report that France was likely to the security will be the net receipts of antidote and Cooper recovered. Not be the intermediary, but diplomats who the tobacco monopely of Japan, amountbe the intermediary, but deplomats who are actively interested for the first time ing to \$6,000,000, according to the budget Cooper suspected Shook of being regave credit to the statement that Russia

It was said in these quarters that Russia would deal directly with Tokio through the reports of France's active part in the negotiations were said to be not entirely correct, as other powers have contributed

The loan is redeemable after five years.

Some subscription is expected in Holland and Switzerland. It is said here that altion. It appears that some of the leaser powers, including Sweden, are assisting

Russin's chief preoccupation is said to be avoidance of baying peace plans arouse the animosity of the powerful war element

Vladivostok a Stumbling Block. The receipt of an official dispatch at St. Petersburg on March 29 saying that the Japanese are approaching Vladivostok is sald to have induced the determination to seek a pacific solution. On the other hand, it is insisted that Japanese proximit- to Vladivostok promises to be a chief in Fran obstacle in the way of peace, as diplomals conversant with the situation say that Japan will seek to avert peace until she possesses Russia's only outlet to the

GREAT CONFLICT OF CREDIT

Raising of Loans Shows Decline of Russia, Rise of Japan.

LONDON, March E.-The possibilities of arranging peace between Russia and Japan and the financial contest between the two countries are attracting greater attention for the moment than the strategic developments in Manchuria. Comparisons are drawn between the respective status of the two nations in the market now and at the beginning of the

The spectacle of the Russian Minister of Finance inviting newspaper editors and correspondents to verify by personal inspection the national bullion deposits, while Japan is negotiating an enormous loan on better terms than her previous email, timid issues, puts the development of the credit of the two belligerents into wivid congrast and is greatly commented

The London papers express little doubt that Russia will obtain her loan in France eventually, but on hard terms. It is reported that the new Japanese toan was fully underwritten, and that dealings have begun at a substantial premium,

The Dally Telegraph this morning, editorinfizing on the statements of the St. the men to remain like in industrial Shook was born near Cakland, in this Nicholas has been reluctantly persuaded Eventually, it is said, cities and towns of the accessity of peace, but is indexibly are to be laid out and built-

has reason to believe in the last resort Japan would not insist on an indemnity if she were absolutely guaranteed the permanent enjoyment of the concessions she demands as the price of peace, either by Great Britain alone or by her in conjunc-tion with America. The editorial further suggests that an entente among Russia, Japan, Great Britain and America would guarantee the peace of the Far East for at least one generation.

RUSSIA SHOWS GOLD RESERVE Convinces Foreign Correspondents of Wealth on Missouri Plan.

SPECIAL CABLE LONDON, March BL-According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lon-don Dally Mall, the Russian Foreign Minlater, being requested by some foreign correspondents to prove to them that the Russian reserve was intact, sent them to the keeper of the national treasury with an order that they be permitted to view

the funds of the empire.

It was stated that there was in the reasury 888,000,000 gold rubles, and that in addition, this amount could be swelled by 120,000,000 on deposit in London and Paris. There is also said by the Minister to be some 220,000,000 gold rubles on deposit to the credit of the legations of Russia in London, Paris and Berlin, which would be available for use should the necessity

Minister Kokovsoff further stated that negotiations for floating an additional loan in Paris were progressing favorably.

DIPLOMATS THINK PEACE NEAR of Loan So Interpreted by

All Except Cassini. WASHINGTON, March 24 - While keenly interested in the interpretation placed by Paris on the significance of the resumption of the negotiations for the Russian loan, European diplomats in between Russia and Japan assumed a Washington tonight confessed that they more definite and almost a tapgible aspect were inclined to regard at first this step as confirmation of the official news which had reached the United States within the last 24 hours that the Emperor is absolutely determined to continue the war for

If Paris financiers, as reported, have declined to take up the loan, save on the with the exception of the Russian Embasey, believe that this important fact on this point.

Count Cassini, Russian Ambassador, expressed the belief tonight that no inferice that peace was in sight could be drawn from the reopening of the negoti-ations. He learned several days ago that the loan would be successfully floated, and, while he is aware of the desire among some French financiers that the attached to the loan

ments to a resumption of the negotiations of the European chancellories believe that

NEW YORK AND LONDON LEND IT Two Cities Furnish Money to Japan,

Berlin Staying Out. LONDON, March 24.-The final details sia. The Foreign Office declined to con- per cent, The price of the issue is 90, and an overdose, the drug served as its own issued simultaneously in New York and friends that he intended going to the London, each of these cities taking \$75,- county seat today and lay the matter be-000,000.

The American issuing banks are Kuhn, fore the District Attorney,

though German banks exhausted every

sociated Press today that the \$150,00,000 would suffice for Japan's requirements for a year or a year and a half, at the expiration of which time, in his opinion, banks are concerned, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank and the National Bank of Commerce. M. Takashi was of the opinion that de-

to be issued next week.

New York Will Announce Loan. NEW YORK, March N.-A formal stateent regarding the offering of the new Japaness 4½ per cent lean here will be made shortly. The price of the issue will be the same as abroad and, though nomi-nally a 25-year bond, has the privilege of redemption at par in five years.

Germans Could Not Agree on Terms-BERLIN, March 24.-The German banks did not participate in the Japanese loan because they were unable to agree with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation over the share of the under-

Russia Renews Negotiations. PARIS. March M.—The negotiations for new Russian loan have been resumed

PLANT COLONIES OF STRIKERS William Barclay's Scheme to People Oregon With Union Men. &

CHICAGO, March 54 .- (Special.) -A fered the labor unions the coming Hancy, of Eikton, and two small chilweck by William Barciay, who claims dren. to represent a syndicate owning 50 U. W. and carried a policy in that order sections of land. The tract comprises for \$2000. 32,000 acres and labor unions are asked to buy stock in the company and, in Fall, and, as far as known, bore a good case of strikes, instead of permitting deputation.

Hired Man Kills His Employer and a Friend.

TURNS CUM ON HIMSELF

Tragedy at Home of A. E. Cooper in Southern Oregon.

HUSBAND JEALOUS OF WIFE

Hermann Shook's Attentions to Mrs Cooper and the Appearance of Strychnine in Mr. Cooper's Medicine Bring Climax.

TWO TRAGEDIES IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

At Elicton.

DEAD-A. E. Cooper, Paul Howee, THE CRIME-Hermann Shook paid such devoted attention to Mrs. Cooper as to bause his employer's anger and Cooper is nearly killed by strychnine placed in bottle of harm After leaving the house he has words with Cooper and shoots him Paul Howse, Cooper's friend, is then shot in the back through the heart. rderer turns the gun on him

self and puts a bullet in his head. At Little Canyon.

DEAD-Jacob Reuter. THE CRIME-Victim to found in his house with five builet holes in his body. An old man called Dutch Fred disappeared near this place three years ago. Reuter was suspected of

the idea that such a condition has been ing at 10 o'clock, in which Hermann Most Washington diplomats who are in position to follow the inside workings on himself with fatal second

Shook had been in the employ of Cooper & Haney for about a year, and lived a't the Cooper home. Trouble had been brewing at the place for some time, on count of the alleged intimate relations between Shook and Cooper's wife.

Last Friday Cooper took medicine for

Last night Shook and Cooper's wife the French Minister, who has charge of Loeb & Co., and others participating in the previous loan, while the British half and little girl attended a dance at Thomas the reports of France's active part in the of the loan is handled by the group of Hancock's a mile from the Cooper home, banks which was responsible for the ear- and returned home early this morning. Afraid of Being Poisoned.

Cooper still seemed to fear poison and ate supper at his partner's home last evening, but returned home to go to bed. erening but returned home to go to bed. effort to secure participation in the loan, they have been rigorously excluded, as Japan found no difficulty in securing the amount in New York and London.

Koretiyo Takashi, special Japanese financial commissioner, informed the As-

Cooper flad tried in various ways to rid himself of Shook, but so far had falled. This morning he effected a settlement with Shook for labor performed and Shook the war would be over. Three New York had packed his clothing preparatory to leaving and had gone from the house toward the woodshed, when hot words passed between him and Cooper and he fired at Cooper at a distance of 20 or 20 splie the hitch in the negotiations. Russia fired at Cooper at a distance of 20 or 20 would very shortly obtain another loan feet with a 30-30 Winchester, the ball in France. The Japanese loan is expected atriking Cooper in the back and coming out at his breast.
Cooper was in the doorway of his house

and the ball, after passing through his body, went through a picture on the opposite wall of the house and out through

Howse Shot in the Heart. Some mystery seems to be connec with the killing of Howen as only two empty cartridge shells have been found so far, and one of these Shook fired

through his own brain. Howse lies dead in the same room with Cooper, with two bullet holes through his heart and a revolver by his side filled with loaded There are evidences of a struggle having taken place in the house and a considerable quantity of blood is spread or

the floor. Appearances indicate that Howse was shot in the back also. Justice of the Peace M. R. Dimmick, of Elkton, called a jury together this afternoon to hold an inquest, but at this

time no report has been received. Cooper a Good Citizen.

Cooper was an exemplary citizen and achene to colonize unemployed mem-bers on lands in Oregon is to be of-wife, who is a daughter of Robert He was a member of the A. O.

here recorded seems to have borne a

good reputation. Shook and Howse were each about 22 years of age and unmar-

FIVE BULLETS IN HIS BODY Grasping Jacob Reuter Is Supposed

to Have Been Murdered. ROSEBURG, Or., March 24.-(Special.) Jacob Reuter was found dead at his bome in Little Canyon, 14 miles west of Cakland this morning. It is still undecided whether the case is murder or suffide. It is reported there are five bul-let holes in the body, indicating murder Justice Stephens, of Oakland, will hold an inquest tomorrow.

Reuter was suspected of causing the Fred, near there three years ago, but no

definite proof was ever found.

Reuter owned a body of land on the Umpqua River, and, being of a grasping disposition, constantly tried to get more. He endeavored to prevent his brother from getting any share of their father's property, and the brother, being ill, be-came a county charge. The father is old and very feeble.

The alleged cause for the disappearance of Dutch Fred is that Reuter owed the latter \$75 for labor, but would not settle. When last seen Dutch Fred was on the way to Reuter's saying he was endeavoring to procure payment. No further trace of him was ever found. Later, when Senator Reed's body was found in the river, Reuter showed much uneasiness until it was identified, thus in creasing the former suspicions against him. Whether Reuter was driven to suicide by remorse or murdered by un-known parties is not yet determined.

RELIEF FOR BROCKTON ASKED Movement to Secure Ald for the Widows and Orphans.

BROCKTON, Mass., March M.-The first organized movement for relief of the fam-ilies of 5s persons believed to have per-ished in the explosion and fire at the R. B. Grover shoe factory last Monday was be-gon today. As a result of the disaster, 37 wives were made widows, 48 children were nade fatheriess, and six children became

Mayor Keith presided over a mass meeting at which a request was made that every wage-earner in the city give one day's pay to the relief fund. The relief committee of 22 decided tonight to make an appeal for outside aid, asking that donations immediately be forwarded to City Treasurer W. H. Emerson. relief fund tonight amounted to

Saves His Neck, but Not His Liberty. DENVER, March 24.—The profailed to identify Charles S. W. DRAIN. Or., March 24.—(Special.)—
Cooper & Haney's sawmill, ten miles west of here, on the Coop Bay stage route, was the scene of a fearful tragedy this morning at 19 o'clock, in which Hermann Shock shot and killed A. E. Cooper and Paul Howse, and then turned the gun on himself with fatal result.

Shook had been in the employ of Cooper pollemen.

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DRIFTING OFF THE COAST

Fate of the Captain and Crew Is a Mystery.

SIGHTED BY THE CHEHALIS

Vessel Loaded a Cargo of Lumber at Vancouver for San Francisco, and Sailed From Astoria on March 17.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 24-(Spetial.)-The crew of the steamer Chehalis, wnich arrived today, reports locating the chooner C. A. Klose, loaded with lumber, waterlogged and abandoned about 20 miles off Hecets Head, on the Ore-

The schooner was sighted Wednesday. and a line was got aboard-her, but it parted close to the bow, and further atempts were considered too hazardous on account of the bolsterous sea.

The Klose sailed from Vancouver. Wash., March 16, and, according to the log of the captain, which was left on board and secured by Mate Kittlesen, of the Chehalls, the schooner became water-logged soon after leaving Astoria, and the crew became exhausted at the pumps. Flags of distress were hoisted, but there is no record of the fate of the crew. Mate Kittleson says that the hold of the Klose was full of water, but it had not reached the cabin and the vessel was n comparatively good shape and would have been a valuable prize for the Che

The Klose was located in latitude 43:52 and longitude 13:23. She was drifting indward when left to her fate. The load of lumber was intact, and the men of the Chehalis had no difficulty in getting around her. The mate secured a clock and a compass from the ship. The cargo and vendel are valued at about \$60,000.

(The schooner C. A. Klose, loaded her cargo at the mill of the Washington & Oregon Lumber Company, at Vancouver, and started for San Francisco on March 18. The cargo amounted to 50,000 feet of lumber. She crossed out from Astoria bound south in the afternoon of March 17. and appeared then to be in perfect condi-

Tug Goes in Search of the Klose. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The tug Dauntless sailed from this port tonight in search of the schooner C. A. Klose, The schooner sailed from Astoria March 17 for this port, under command of Captain J. Wagner. She carried a crew of nine men. Her owners are Beadle Bros., of this city. The tonnage of the Klose was 370.55. She was built in Alameda in 1892.

FREIGHT BARGE WRECKED.

Georgian, Loaded With 12 Cars. Goes

to Pieces on Hornby Island. VANCOUVER, B. C., March 24.-The arge Georgian, of this port, is wrecked barge Georgian, of this port. Is wrecked on the rocks of Hornby Islands. She broke from her towing tug during the broke from her towing tug during the gale last night, and split in two on the rocks. She had on board 12 freight cars, the latter refused to make a settlement three loaded with machinery for the coal mines at Union, Vancouver Island, The for their lives.

The barge was valued at \$12,000 and the freight at \$25,000.

Eskasoni on Overdue Market. LONDON, March 24.—There is considerable speculation in shipping circles here regarding the fate of the British ship Eskasoni, which left Portland, Or., October 15 for Limerick. The ship has not been reported since March 10, when she was off Lizard Head. A premium of 15 guineas has been quoted on the vessel in the overdue market.

(The Eskasoni carried a full cargo of 97,847 bushels of wheat from this city, shipped by Balfour, Guthrle & Co. She was commanded by Captain Townsend. one of the best-known foreign shipmas ters trading in this port.)

Paso, from Galveston, went ashore on Robbins' Reef while entering this port floated at high tide. The El Paso was pulled off the mud bank tonight. She was not injured.

Mississippi Steamer Stranded. CAIRO, Ill., March 24. - During the storm last night the steamer Sadie Lee grounded on a bar just below Wickliffe, Ky. The passengers and freight were taken off by steamers, which came to the assistance of the steamer. It is exdays will float the boat.

Halibut Schooner Ashore. VICTORIA, B. C., March 24.-A special from Clayoquot says the American chooner Ella G., which has been engaged in hallbut fishing off Vancouver Island, was driven ashore on a sand spit there Wednesday night during a heavy

does not appear to be greatly damaged, but is hard and fast. Efforts to float her have falled.

SOLEMN WARNING TO ILLINOIS Californian Tells Legislature of Evila of Woman Suffrage.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 34.-The Ilsprings in the same of the sam

"God made men and women different."
says the writer; "then let each remain in
their own condition. If the State of Illinois grants partial or full political rights
to women, it will bitterly regret it. Look
at the bedevlied condition of Colorado,
which can be traced to women political
bosses and lack of common sense in woman voters. Californians, profiting by the
sad experience of Colorado, Kansas and
Wyoming, and not wanting their state to
be in the same condition and their business interests to be ruined by foolish and
victous legislation, turn down all attempts victous legislation, turn down all attempts of professional suffragists and their male adherents to saddle the abomination on the state."

At the conclusion of the reading of the At the conclusion of the reading of the letter, a member moved that the committee on fish and game was eminently qualified to consider the measure. Another member thought not. The license committee, he said, was the proper body to think over the Pro Bono Publico letter. The Speaker, however, referred it to the committee on elections. committee on elections

CALLED A LIAR BY TELEGRAPH Port Angeles Promoter Accused of Criminal Libel by Associate.

BOSTON, Mass., March 24:-(Spe ial.)-Charged with criminal libel in having sent a telegram to Allan T. Nye, two of the four witnesses examined durof New York, now stopping in Boston William Wayne Belvin, a descendant of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, of revolu-

Both the defendant and the camplainant are well-known promoters. Belvin the information, Mr. Ruddy occupying the is now building a railroad from Port witness chair all afternoon. Angeles, Wash., to Portland, Or. The two men have been associated in the grand jury room, expressed the belief York concern being exploited in Boston. Belvin is alleged to have telegraphed Nye that the latter was a liar and a trickster and to have telegraphed these allegations to a third party. The case was continued until Monday, Belvin being released under \$800 bonds.

WILL KNOCK OUT SATAN IN 1916 Until Then Christian Israelites Will

Run Cannery in Michigan. DETROIT, Mich., March 24.-Glitter-DETROIT, Mich., March 24.—Glittering with topaxes and accompanied by an uproarous brass band and a small menagerie, the long-haired "Angels of the House of David" passed through Detreit today on the way to the community of Christian Israelites, in Benton Harbor, Mich. There were 35 in the party, following Benjamin and Mary, founders of the faith, home from Australia.

Henjamin Purnell, with his wife, Mary, started the "House of David" at Benton Harbor. The community lives in a group of dwellings on the out-

lives in a group of dwellings on the out-skirts of Benton Harbor. From a can-ning factory and 300 acres of garden

MUST PAY CARLISLE HIS FEE Lawyer Who Fought Porto Rican Case Loses It on Appeal.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The decree of lower court awarding John G. Carilele, ex-Scoretary of the Treasury, 15,430 for professional services in connection with a contest against the constitutionality of the laws under which duties were levied

sel by various merchants, to assist him in the contest. As a result of the litiloaded with machinery for the coal at Union, Vancouver Island. The of the barge had a narrow escape their lives then brought suit to recover his fee and was awarded \$25,430.

Smeltermen Declare Strike Off. DENVER, March 34-At a meeting of the local ameltermen's union tonight the strike in the Globe and Grant smelters was declared off by unanimous vote. The passage of the eight-hour law recently by the Legislature influenced the action.
The members believe that the provision of the law, which says that all men coming in contact with noxlous gases shall work eight hours, can be interpreted to include all smeltermen, for the reason, they say, that the amelter fumes and gases are so penetrating as to affect persons and property in the vicinity of smelters and certainly must have effect upon the men employed around the plants

Japanese Wins at Oratory, Too. ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 24.-K. S. Freight Steamer El Paso Ashore.

NEW YORK, March M.—The Southern
Pacific Company's freight steamer El Sick Man of Asia and His Doctors."

Bishop Spalding Is Recovering. PEORIA, III., March 24.—For the first time since he was stricken by paralysis several weeks ago, Bishop John L. Spalding today left his house for a carriage ride. He is feeling greatly improved. He expects to go to Hot Springs, Ark., April

Earthquakes Shake Saltillo. SALTILLO, Mexico, March 24.-Saltille oday experienced two distinct earth-make shocks of about five seconds' dura-ion each. No damage was done to property.

Dry Goods Make a Great Blaze. COLUMBUS. March 24—Fire tonight gutted the four-story building of the Columbus Dry Goods Company, entall-ng a loss of 200,000.

Cruiser St. Louis to Se Launched. Island, was driven ashore on a sand spit there Wednesday night during a heavy tected cruiser St. Louis, built at Philagain. The cree was saved. The years delphia will be launched May 4.

## **GETS AT FACTS**

Grand Jury Learns Beef Trust Methods.

PRICES ARE KEPT UNIFORM

Big Profits for Packers, Small Ones for Retailers.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW SOUGHT

Witnesses Refuse to Keep Their Lips Sealed, and Reveal Tenor of Questions Asked in Beef Trust Inquiry.

CHICAGO, March 24.-(Special.)-The Federal grand jury which is investigating the business methods of the packers acquired a lot of information today from ing the day. Thomas G. Ruddy, of Ruddy Bros., an independent packing firm of Kansas City, and Michael R. Murphy, tionary fame, was arraigned in the general manager for the Cudaby Pack-Municipal Court today. Ing Company in South Omaha, Sloux City ing Company in South Omaha, Sloux City and Kansas City, contributed the bulk of

Both of the witnesses, after leaving the National Microphone Company, a New that the grand jury was pursuing a settled policy in asking questions bore directly on the charges of violation of the interstate commerce law and the Sherman anti-trust law. They did not construe the questions asked of them to be framed for the purpose of gathering general information concerning the packing industry.

Mr. Murphy is a big-bodied, full-blooded Westerner, with gray eyes, a strong mouth and a fighting jaw. He was the first witness who has emerged from the mystery of the grand jury room who was not afraid to talk of what had occurred sehind the carefully guarded doors. Told All About the Business.

"I see no reason why my lips should not to talk. I have said nothing to the jury that should be kept from the public. I know of no law that holds me in contempt for telling my story after I have testified before the grand jury. "The grand jury had a set of questions which were seked me. The question brought out a general discussion of the

meat-packing industry. I gave the jurors full information upon every branch of The schooner was built in 1902 at Alameda, and is owned at San Francisco. She is 145 feet long, 36 feet beam and 2 feet depth of hold. She carried a crew feet depth of hold. She carried a crew capect Satan and his followers to be caped to the thrifty Christian and shipping the products, a good living.

The plan of the sect is to keep busy in the method of bidding on cattle, the market prices and their fluctuations. The business-like directness of the jury in the caped the products are producted by the method of bidding on cattle, the market prices and their fluctuations. The plan of the sect is to keep busy in the method of bidding on cattle, the market prices and their fluctuations. The plan of the sect is to keep busy in the method of bidding on cattle, the market prices and their fluctuations. The plan of the canning factory and on the farm until August, 1916, by which time they expect Satan and his followers to be pressed me. I believe it is conducting this investigation fairly and with a de sire to get at the truth." Testimony showing the profits of retail meat dealers and prices of unfailing uni-

formity for meats at the "big five" packers' branch houses was also given. In a detailed statement the cost prices of beef handled by retailers in Kansas City was explained by Robert Hall, a dealer from that city, and the high prices blamed on the packers. The on goods imported from Porto Rico, has gist of the evidence was that the charge been affirmed by the Appellate division of made by packers that retailers were made made by packers that retailers were making 100 per cent profit on beef is incorrect, and, while on some cuts the profit is almost that amount, it is equalized by the fact that an equal percentage is sold at a loss or at least no profit. The prices made to retail dealers, which are scaled the same in Chicago as in Kansas City. explained the transaction in all its forms

Cost of Meat to Retailers. The testimony of Mr. Hail, it is admitted, showed the transaction of the retail dealer in accordance with the following table of percentages and prices, in which the proportion of various cuts in a 1000-pound beef costing \$50 is set

forth:

"That figure leaves a profit on 1600 unds of meat to a retailer of \$24.35," said the informant, "but does not show waste, which is thrown away, and the cost of a butcher to cut it up prope and other expenses connected with the High Profits of Packer. "The packer who pays \$4.75 per 100 for

this beef on the hoof sells it at \$8 per 100 pounds, and the retailer averages less than \$10.43 per 100 pounds in gross ceipts, which is a small margin, and the retail butchers here, as in other cities, are not making money. This figure may Omaha and Kansas City, but the proportions and percentages remain the same

There were 20 witnesses in the jury om annex at the opening of the sen Extra precautions were taken to prevent witnesses from coming in centact with outsiders. The doors were locked and Deputy Marshal Middleton sat inside while Captain Porter stood outside the

John F. Baxter, United States District Attorney at Omaha, is in the city in conction with the investigation. a long conference with Assistant District Attorney Morrison, who is directing the work of the grand jury. Mr. Baxter was

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