

## SHARP WAR BEGINS ON MEAT PACKERS

### Government Works All Day on Attack.

### VIGOROUS ACTION IS PLANNED

### Grand Jury to Be Sworn and First Evidence in Today.

### ARTIFICIAL PRICE KEYNOTE

### Packers Ready to Resist Suits and G. Ogden Armour Says No Operation That Exists is Beneficial to Public, Not Harmful.

## HOW PACKERS' EARNINGS COMPARE WITH OTHER GREAT CONCERNS.

Available statistics on the earnings of the packers, as given in official statements, and the earnings reported by the United States Steel Corporation and the International Harvester Company, for the year 1909, are as follows:

United States Steel Corporation	\$131,500,000
International Harvester Corporation	75,000,000
General Electric	250,000,000
Rockwell Packing Co.	240,000,000
Nelson Morris Packing Co.	110,000,000
Cudahy Packing Co.	80,000,000
National Packing Co. (holding concern)	100,000,000
Swift & Co. at its meeting declared dividends equal to 13.66 per cent on \$40,000,000 capital stock.	

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Here is the programme that will be executed with clocklike smoothness tomorrow in opening the Federal attack upon the packing interests:

- 8 o'clock—Chief Deputy John P. Wolf of United States Marshal Hoy's office will send out a score of deputies armed with subpoenas and writs to bring in employers and books of the National Packing Company and other concerns involved.
- 9 o'clock—The 45 members of the special venire of jurors will appear before Judge Landis and 23 men to compose the grand jury that is to hear the beef probe will be sworn.
- 2 o'clock—Grand jury will be completed and sworn and preliminary business will be disposed of or postponed.
- 4 o'clock—Edwin W. Sims, United States District Attorney, will submit to the grand jury his first evidence in the case he has prepared against the packers.

### Lawyers Work All Day Sunday.

Working all day Sunday in their offices in the Federal building, United States District Attorney Sims and his assistants, James H. Wilkerson, Robert W. Childs and William R. Mederas, perfected plans for the Government attack upon the meat packers that Federal building office attaches declare will result in the returning of indictments against some of the wealthiest and best-known business men in Chicago.

When the conference in the District Attorney's office concluded this evening those who participated in it refused to discuss any phase of the protracted debate that had taken place behind locked doors.

Significant, however, was the fact that deputies from the United States Marshal's office were given detailed instructions as to the duties they are to perform in assisting the District Attorney in his search through the offices of the packing companies for evidence and witnesses.

### Wickersham Instructs Over Phone.

During the day telegrams were exchanged with officials in Washington and Attorney-General Wickersham's interest in the fight was indicated when his office called Mr. Sims on the long distance telephone. The telephone conference continued for some time, but its nature was not disclosed.

As Mr. Sims and his assistants left their offices they attended personally to placing several important documents with proper local officials for forwarding to Washington.

"I can say nothing at this time," said Mr. Sims in reply to several questions. "Mr. Wilkerson and I spent the day going through matters connected with evidence that we will present to the grand jury after it convenes. We merely desired to make certain that everything is in its proper place and that nothing has been overlooked."

### Evidence is Documentary.

It is said that much of the Government's evidence is of a documentary nature and this will be enlarged upon by the examination of packing company employees in the grand jury room. Attaches of the District Attorney's office said tonight they had no idea of how much time would be consumed in presenting the Government's case to the jurors.

The packers apparently are awaiting the real opening of the case and the Government's first moves before entering actively on preparations for the defense. Although questioned today the heads of the big concerns involved declined to make statements or avail

## IN AUTO, MAN RACES TO BE GOVERNOR

### OMAHA'S MAYOR PLANS THRILLING CAMPAIGN FOR OFFICE.

### Whole Summer to Be Passed in Speechmaking — 15,000 Miles to Be Traversed.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Mayor James C. Dahmann, of Omaha, has scored up in the race for Governor of Nebraska.

He has filed for nomination, though the nominating primaries will not be held until way into the summer, and this so early means that the Mayor must incur the expense of a campaign that will continue for fully six months prior to the primaries and four months longer in event he should secure the Democratic nomination.

The Mayor is owner of a red gasoline car, and in it he proposes to ride the state from one end to the other. He plans to start out about March 1, and campaign daily until at least August 1, without a break. This will give him 150 days.

He says he will violate labor laws by working 12 hours daily and then some evenings. He figures that he will travel 100 miles per day, which will enable him to cover at least 15,000 miles during the five months.

He figures on making three speeches daily, or 750 during his automobile campaign.

## POISON MYSTERY DEVELOPS

### Alleged Attempt Made on Life of Woman Who Inherits Property.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—An extraordinary case of family difficulties, involving charges of an attempt to poison a woman and ownership in whole or in part of a valuable estate in Washington, D. C., was called to the attention of the police yesterday by Mrs. Esther Marks, wife of David Marks, of 629 Heliotrope drive.

Billa Marks, the negro domestic employed by Mrs. Marks, says she received from an aged woman, who she says is related to her employer, two packages. The contents of these were to be placed in Mrs. Marks' coffee. The colored woman gave the packages to Mrs. Marks, who sent them to the city chemist. An analysis showed the contents of one to be starch and powdered glass and the other strychnine.

Mrs. Marks believes it is a scheme to poison her so she cannot enjoy her share of the estate in Washington recently left her by a relative.

## TWO SHARP SHOCKS FELT

### West Indies in Momentary Panic, but No Damage Is Done.

KINGSTON, St. Vincent, E. W. I., Jan. 23.—Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt throughout the island at 5:50 this morning. In Kingston the protracted shocks caused a panic, but no damage was done.

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Jan. 23.—Earth shocks were felt here this afternoon a few minutes before 4 o'clock. The movement was undulatory and lasted one minute. So far as known there was no damage.

## WARM WINDS SAVE GRAIN

### Inland Empire Farmers No Longer Fear Injury to Crop.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 23.—Fears that fall-sown grain throughout the Inland Empire had been injured during the recent cold weather are allayed among farmers, who declare that the warm winds of the past few days have thoroughly thawed out the ground.

## \$200,000,000 PAID IN N. Y. DIVIDENDS

### Corporations Report Great Prosperity.

### 1910 WILL BE BANNER YEAR

### William E. Curtis Writes of Stock Valuations.

### COMPARISONS ARE SHOWN

### Hundred and Fifty Firms Represented in January Report Represent \$40,000,000,000 in Securities, Bonds and Stocks.

BY WILLIAM E. CURTIS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—January dividends in stocks of nearly all the great corporations of the country have been reported as the largest on record—\$202,032,692, but if the present prosperity continues the next July dividends will be quite as large, if not larger.

The majority of the large corporations have their transfer offices and financial agencies in New York City and pay the dividends on their stocks and the interest on their bonds through them here semi-annually, in January and July. A few of them pay quarterly through the same agencies.

The total dividends and interest paid by 150 of the most prominent railroads, traction companies, banks and industrial corporations during this month amount to \$202,032,692, an increase of \$15,773,456 above the semi-annual dividends and interest paid by the same companies in January, 1909.

### Total Does Not Include Small Firms.

This total does not include thousands of smaller firms and corporations in New York, which undoubtedly paid an equal amount, nor thousands of corporations in other parts of the country, which are just as prosperous and have enjoyed similar profits.

Of the 150 great corporations referred to, 22 increased their dividends for January, 1910, dividends this year for the first time and four reduced their dividends 1 per cent per year, or less, for various reasons.

The following statement will show a comparison between the various classes of dividends and interest in 1909 and 1910:

Dividends on Stock.		
	1910.	1909.
Railroad	\$12,346,817	\$20,921,422
Industrial	35,490,825	50,398,423
Street Railways	7,745,710	6,545,939
Bank and trust companies	9,110,000	8,253,000
Total	\$64,693,352	\$86,118,784

  

Interest on Bonds.		
	1910.	1909.
Railroad	\$3,550,000	\$74,400,000
Industrial	10,000,000	14,700,000
Street Railways	4,000,000	3,800,000
Government	2,251,250	2,251,250
Greater New York	6,000,000	7,000,000
Total	\$11,801,250	\$107,151,250

Grand total \$202,032,692 \$182,249,104

Few people realize the extent of the country's prosperity. The quarterly dividends which will be due in March next will amount to about \$75,000,000, which is \$12,000,000 in excess of the total of any previous year.

The 150 railroads and other corporations by which these dividends are paid, represent about \$40,000,000,000 in securities, bonds and stocks.

## INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 53 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees. TODAY'S—Occasional rain, cooler, high southwesterly wind.

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## WOMAN, MAN, CHILD AFIRE

### Oil Explodes, Tot Aids Mother, Father Burned in Fighting Flame.

ST. HELENS, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Enveloped in flames this evening immediately after starting her kitchen fire with coal oil, Mrs. W. B. Taylor was burned from head to foot and may be seriously injured in attempting to smother the flames with her tiny hands, and W. B. Taylor, husband and father, was badly burned in trying to save wife and child. Mrs. Taylor was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital at Portland.

At 6:30 o'clock an explosion in the home aroused the neighborhood and friends rushed in to find Mrs. Taylor wrapped in flames, her husband and child also afire as they attempted, with their bare hands, to save the coal-oil victim. Father and daughter were saved by the throng that gathered, but Mrs. Taylor's clothing was burned off when aid arrived.

Mrs. Taylor was burned about the hands and face and the little girl sustained severe burns about the head and back.

Taylor is a laborer and is the father of a large family.

## DYING REQUESTS GRANTED

### Rancher Asks That Body Be Kept Five Days Before Burial.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—James Hutchinson died at his ranch on Fox Ridge, near Juliaetta, Idaho, Friday. Thirty years ago Hutchinson occupied as a homestead the land on which he died. Mr. Hutchinson made three requests before he died: that his body should be buried until five days had elapsed from the time of his death; that his body should be either cremated or embalmed; that the body should be placed in a hardwood casket. The family will carry out his wishes.

Hutchinson leaves a widow and several children. He had a 60-acre orchard on his farm and took pride in the fact that he had ripe cherries from June to October.

## "COMET A" LATEST HEAVENLY VISITOR

### Newcomer Is Different From All Others.

### FIRST SEEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

### Two Observers Report Appearance Short Time Apart.

### COLOR IS BRIGHT ORANGE

### Variation of Spectrum From Those Herebefore Observed Is Noticeable—Resemblance to Great Nebulous Body of 1882.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Jan. 23.—The luminous body now visible to observers in various parts of the country is a new comet. It is known as "Comet A, of 1910," and photographic observations made of it by the scientists of Lowell observatory show that its light differs from that of most comets, though it closely resembles the great comet of 1882.

The new comet was reported by Dr. R. T. A. Innes, of the observatory at Johannesburg, South Africa, on January 15. His name was given to it at first, but as the same comet is said to have been observed in the Orange Free State prior to that date, scientists here prefer to call it "Comet A."

The newcomer has excited keen interest among astronomers, who are making close observations, but it has not yet been determined whether the comet will ever reappear again.

An analysis of the photographic observations made here shows that the new body differs greatly from comets in general. The usual comet spectrum consists of a very bright series of hydro-carbon bands, but the comet now visible shows very bright sodium lines. The striking orange color of the comet head as observed in various parts of the country, is said to be due to incandescent sodium vapor.

### NEVADA SEES BIG COMET, TOO

Tonopah Scientists Believe They Are Viewing Halley's Star.

TONOPAH, Nev., Jan. 23.—A brilliant comet, believed here to be Halley's, appeared tonight at 5:45 o'clock.

Owing to the latitude and clear atmosphere it was plainly visible, shining with brilliancy that rivaled the evening star. The tail was clearly defined.

The comet will reappear every evening for several weeks, according to local scientists and then may be visible during the daylight hours.

## TRAINMEN MEET DEATH

### Tennessee Head-on Collision Proves Fatal to Firemen.

JACKSON, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Fireman Moore was killed; Fireman Foster was fatally scalded; Engineer M. Maroney had both legs broken, and Engineer John Tatum saved his life by leaping from his cab when passenger train No. 5, St. Louis to Mobile, and Engineer Ohio Railroad, collided head-on with an extra engine today at Carroll, Tenn.

None of the passengers was injured. The passenger engine was driven through the express car.

## CONVICT FINDS WAY TO PROTECT CHECKS

### PARDON MAY FOLLOW AS REWARD OF ENDEAVORS.

### Machine Punches Holes That Require Comparison With Key for Complete Identification.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—After being sentenced to 20 years in San Quentin prison for highway robbery, Frederick Hoffman, who has completed two years of his sentence, has perfected a machine which promises to prevent effectually the raising and forging of checks and false identifications. To operate the device, the check, draft or money order is placed in one end of the machine and securely clamped. Keys then are pressed giving the bank's secret mark, the amount of the check and the identification of the person receiving the money. When the paper is withdrawn from the machine, however, nothing more is visible than half a dozen round holes punched apparently at random on the face of the check.

When the paper in which the holes have been punched is laid upon a piece of cardboard with corresponding rows of numbers the holes fit over the numbers punched by the original operator of the machine.

Steps now are being taken by persons interested in Hoffman's case to bring about his release and it is said on reliable information that Governor Gillett is willing to grant the pardon.

## LIBRARY TO BECOME JAIL

### Sacramento to Convert Reading Rooms Into Bastille Soon.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Sacramento's public library, that a gift of Andrew Carnegie, is about to be converted into a city jail, if the plans of Mayor Board are executed.

When the new City Hall, which is nearly ready for occupancy, was planned, it was decided to have a public library in it. The rooms are there, but objections have been raised to people going into the library through the City Hall corridors. By providing a room in the City Hall for the library, quarters for a city jail were omitted.

It was therefore intended to have the library building converted into a municipal bastille, which could be done at a nominal cost.

The Southern Pacific Company owns the present city jail, which is a hole in the wall that canoust the city at any time it so desires.

## MOUNTAIN LION FIRED ON

### John Morton Catches Glimpse of Animal and Shoots.

By a quick shot, John Morton, Sandy River, who was returning from the Seton ranch, north of the Sandy River, at Mount Hood, Wednesday evening, escaped being attacked by a mountain lion.

Toward dusk Morton noticed the animal had been following him for some distance.

Catching a glimpse of the lion's side, Morton shot quickly, but as it was dark he could not take aim. The animal disappeared and Morton reached home safely.

More cougars and wolves of the large type have been seen near Mount Hood taverns this year than ever before.

## White Salmon Drills Firemen.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The new City Council of White Salmon is preparing to make the fire department adequate for any emergency. Teams are being organized for the engine, hook and ladder, bucket and extinguisher departments, each well manned, and officered, and properly equipped with the necessary apparatus. The men are all volunteers.

## VENDETTA SEEN IN DEATH OF ITALIAN

### Man Shot Down Dies in Few Minutes.

### ASSAILANT KICKS VICTIM

### Man Seen Running Away, but Description Is Meager.

### FRIEND VOWS VENGEANCE

### Wife and Children in Calabria Had Received Regular Remittances From Man Who Worked as Railroad Laborer.

Domenico Abanise, an Italian, known in America as Nick Manco, was shot to death at the corner of Hood and Lincoln streets at 6 o'clock last evening, and despite every effort of the police and detectives the identity of the murderer is unknown. Absence of a clue leads the police to suspect that Abanise was the victim of a vendetta.

No one saw the shooting, which occurred just outside the residence of Victor Leon, 561 Hood street and the boarding-house of the murdered man. A pelting rain was falling. Leon, a Frenchman, heard the shot and rushed onto his porch, followed by his wife, and saw a man kicking a prostrate figure. The assassin ran diagonally across Lincoln street and reaching the opposite sidewalk, started running up Lincoln street, where he disappeared.

### No Enemies Known.

Abanise had been in America ten months and had been living at Leon's home three months. He is survived by a wife and three children who live in Reggio, Calabria Province, Italy, and to whom he has been sending money regularly. As far as is known he has no enemies here, and residents of the Italian section profess to have no idea as to the possible cause for the shooting. He was 42 years old. He was employed by the Southern Pacific as a truck officer.

Just before the shooting Abanise had been at a dance at 575 Hood street, which had been held as a celebration attendant on a wedding. Pete Catrino, the proprietor of the house at which the wedding was held, said that Abanise left about 9 o'clock and must have been shot when he was going to his boarding-house only a few doors away. He was shot when on the corner of the street and fell to the gutter.

### Death Follows Quickly.

According to Victor Leon, who saw him immediately after the shot, Abanise uttered loud groans as he lay dying. Leon rushed down the steps and took the dying man in his arms and attempted to take him into the house. This he was unable to do unassisted, and soon a physician arrived, when the injured man was taken to his room and a strong injection of strychnine was administered. He appeared to revive for a moment, but could not speak, and died 15 minutes after the shot was fired.

The bullet entered the left breast, apparently just missed the heart and ranged downward toward the liver.

A description of the murderer is furnished by Leon and corroborated in part by Francis Ferrera, who also saw a man running. He is said to be short and rather heavy and to have a black mustache. He wore a black slouch hat and a brown suit.

The police were inclined to think at first that Leon was implicated in the shooting. Leon and his wife, Dotsa, an Italian woman, have kept the boarding-house three months for three other Italians. Leon was much excited by the occurrence, but when found by Patrolman Stark Lytle after the shooting, was sitting calmly in his house, talking to his wife as if nothing had occurred. Abanise was still lying on the ground in front of the house. Leon said that he could do nothing himself and had gone in to quiet his wife.

### Man Seen Running Away.

When questioned at police headquarters, Leon told a straightforward and unswerving story and this was corroborated by his wife and was strengthened by information gathered by Detectives Tichenor and Howell and Sergeant Goltz that Francis Ferrera had seen a man running away and that the dance guests said the murdered man had left only a few minutes before the shooting.

Early in the evening Abanise had been with his warmest friend, Phillip Maeri, an Italian, who has been in America three months. Maeri was deeply affected. He said that he had parted from his friend at the dance only a few minutes before the shooting. He swore vengeance and said that he would start an unrelenting search for Manco's slayer and that if he found him there would be no need for a police department.

"It is not so much for the man," said Maeri, "as for those little children in Italy."

When told that his friend had been shot, Maeri rushed from the wedding scene to the spot where his friend lay dead, and covered the inanimate face with kisses.

When the alarm was sent to police headquarters the police automobile was rushed to the spot and every Italian in

## JUDGE WHO WILL PRESIDE OVER FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF BEEF TRUST, AND HEADS OF TWO GREAT COMPANIES TO UNDERGO SCRUTINY.



Louis F. Swift.



Judge Kenesaw M. Landis.



J. Ogden Armour.