

# BIERS OF BEEF PROBE

## Secret Service May Be Able to Prove Trust at Inquiry to Resume Today.

### HOG PRICE TO BE TRAILED

#### Plants of Five Cities to Be Investigated, Federal Agents Regarding Supposed Competition as Only a Ruse.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—When the members of the federal grand jury heard their hearing of evidence in the Government's beef investigation tomorrow morning, information regarding the ownership of stockyards and packing plants and the operations of buyers at Sioux City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Denver will be brought out by United States District Attorney Edwin H. Sims and his assistants. Federal agents at Denver and other cities, it is said, have uncovered evidence tending to show that the packers and buyers as well as the stockyards are owned by the National Packing Company, although the names of other firms have been accounted for as being the active factors in the stockyard situation.

#### Competition Is Doubtful.

Despite the contention of representatives of the packers that buyers from Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Morris & Co. are operating independently in competition with the buyers for the local branches of the National Packing Company at these five cities, the federal lawyers apparently hold other views.

As a result, secret service men have made a rigid investigation of the practices of buyers in these five cities, and it is rumored that their search has revealed important facts.

#### Price-Control Inquired Into.

Mr. Sims and Mr. Wilkerson are devoting their efforts to an attempt to prove that the National Packing Company controls the price of livestock and dressed meats. Mr. Godman is handling the inquiry relating to the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co., and the various deals and fights that have occurred among the packers in the last three years.

Mr. Pagin, referred to as the Government indictment expert, is going over the evidence submitted to the grand jury regarding the purchase by the National Packing Company of the New York Butchers' Dressed Meat Association. It is also being questioned as to indictments charging conspiracy based on the evidence given last week.

Whether any agreement has existed to keep down the price of hogs when bought from farmers by the packers, houses is to be the line of inquiry when the federal grand jury resumes its hearing.

#### MISHAPS FORCE RETURN

### ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION ENDURES GREAT HARDSHIPS.

#### Dr. Charcot's Ship Pourquoi Pas Springs Leak, Loses Rudder. Scoury Attacks Crew.

PUNTA ARENAS, Feb. 13.—Further details have been received of the voyage of the Pourquoi Pas, which is now returning to the continent of Antarctica expedition. The Pourquoi Pas, on reaching the region of ice on her trip to the south, stranded on the coast of Graham Land, but was refloated after three days. On the resumption of the voyage the steamer met with a series of accidents. She was in collision with a number of icebergs, and lost her rudder. The crew then constructed a jury-rudder.

There was much suffering in the Antarctic regions, scurvy and heart disease being the chief ailments. Scientific observations were conducted with the greatest care, and thus the object of the expedition was in part realized. Many journeys were made over the ice, but it was impossible to use automobiles on account of the bad condition of the ice fields.

Collisions with icebergs caused a leak in the ship which it was impossible to repair, at the outset of the expedition. Water flowed in at all times and the pumps were in constant use until the end of the voyage. The steamer was exposed to violent storms on the return trip as far as the Straits of Magellan, and was compelled to put into an obscure harbor for two days to repair the engines. A scarcity of provisions and coal, the damage to the ship and the sickness of the men necessitated the return.

### RELIEF FROM TAXES GIVEN

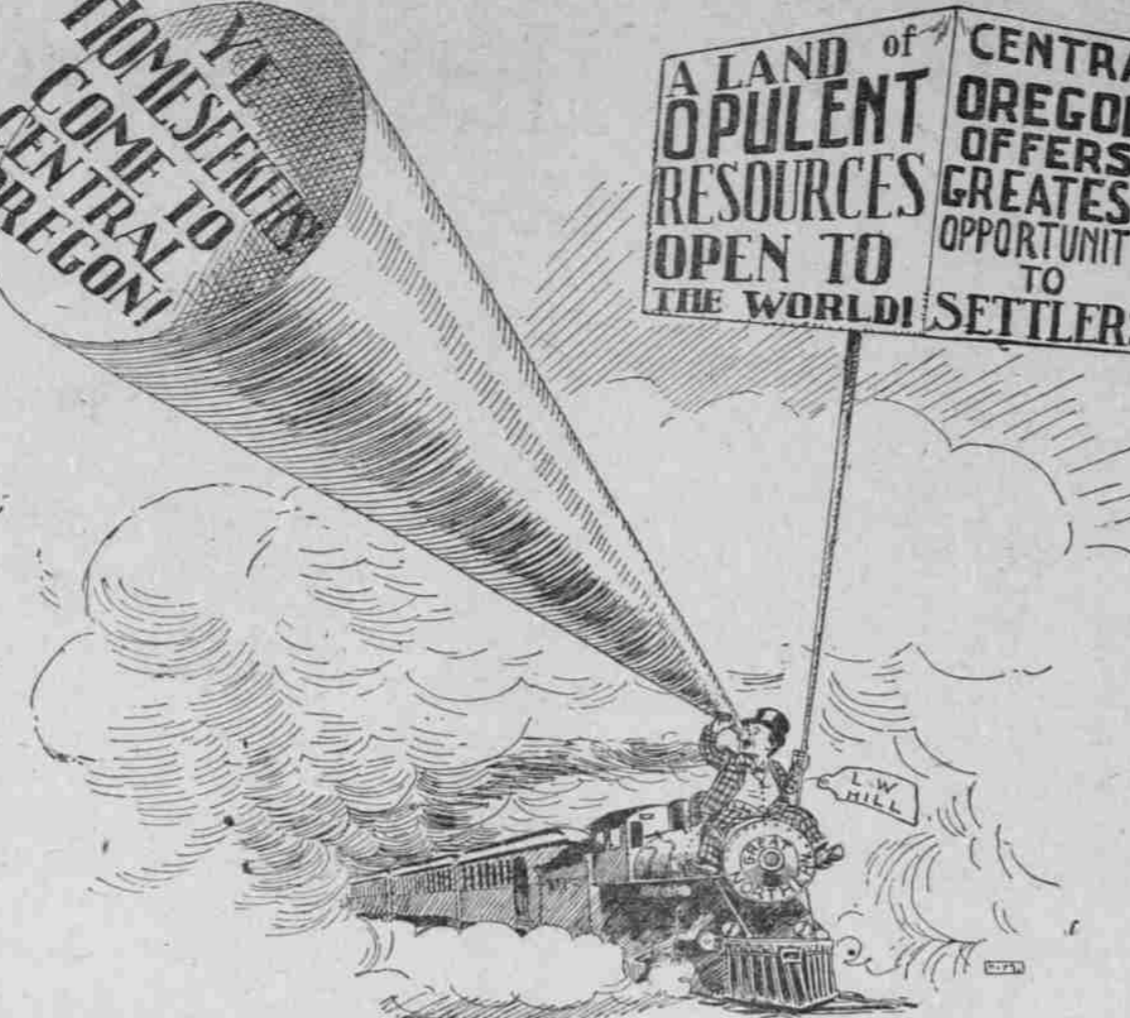
#### China Helps Home Industries by System of Exemptions.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Since 1907 the authorities have taken steps to discriminate between foreign and native manufacturers in the matter of domestic taxation, and no small advantage for competitive purposes is thus conferred on makers of such articles as paper, woven goods, candles, needles, woollens and cotton. The system of exemption is extended to goods produced at factories within the foreign settlements.

In Kwangtung Province, which has always been noted for industrial enterprise, factories have been established for making lemonade, woollens, school uniforms, uniforms, matches, cement, woven fabrics and leather goods. In the case of matches the materials are procured from Japan, and Chinese cheap labor is employed to work them up. It is noteworthy that on the labels attached to the fabrics produced at one factory there are imprinted words which signify "development of local industry."

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## COURT TASK IS BIG

### National Supreme Tribunal Has Many Cases to Decide.

### ANTI-TRUST LAW FIRST

#### American Tobacco Company Suit Is Most Important—U. S. After Convicted Army Officers' Loot. State Acts' Validity Up.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—When the Supreme Court convenes Monday, February 14, a list of cases is expected to be docketed. Lawyers believe that the court in its three weeks' vacation has endeavored to dispose of many cases, that it may be as busy as possible in considering the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to corporations and the validity of the corporation tax this Spring.

The suit of the Government against the American Tobacco Company and others is the most important case under advisement by the court. It was argued several weeks ago. On account of the Standard Oil case, to be argued March 14, and involving similar questions, it is believed as possible to consider the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to corporations and the validity of the corporation tax this Spring.

One of the most important laws, the validity of which has been questioned in arguments before the court, is the "hours-of-service law for railroad employees," passed by Congress in 1907. The railroad industry has attacked the law as being applicable to employees engaged in interstate commerce. It is said the law is open to objections similar to those that nullified the liability law of 1906. A decision in this case may be announced February 21.

#### Carter Case Important.

Another suit that has attracted much attention is that in which the Government is seeking to get possession of property amounting to nearly \$600,000 in the hands of Oberlin M. Carter, ex-Captain in the Engineer Corps of the Army, who was sentenced to prison for his alleged connection with schemes to defraud the Government out of \$2,000,000. The court has the case under advisement.

The validity of a large number of state laws is questioned in cases which the court has heard argued, but in which it has not announced its decisions. Among these is the act of the Legislature of Minnesota, increasing to 4 per cent the rate of gross-earning tax on railroads. The Chicago Great Western Railway and the Great Northern Railway have brought suits to the Supreme Court, contending that, as applied to them, the law is void, because their charters exempt them from paying a higher rate than is specified in those charters.

#### Corporation Tax Up.

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### DAYTON FEARS EPIDEMICS

#### Smallpox and Diphtheria Found. Schools Are Closed.

DAYTON, Wash., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Fearing epidemics of smallpox and diphtheria, two schools near Dayton were closed this week. Yesterday physicians found Mrs. Pellissier, wife of a wealthy Paris farmer, ill with smallpox. The disease was contracted by two scores of people in the neighborhood, including most of the scholars in the Dittmore school, have been exposed. The disease was contracted by Mrs. Pellissier while at Walla Walla two weeks ago.

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### IS CHEHALIS INCLUDED?

#### Olympic Reserve Order of President Taft May Have Effect.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—If any portion of the Olympic

### reserve in Chehalis County is included in the order issued by President Taft throwing open large sections of the forest reserves, it will mean much to Aberdeen and Grays Harbor, according to a statement of Phil S. Locke, timber owner and real estate man of this city, who is unusually well acquainted with this section of the country.

"There is a large portion of this reserve in Chehalis County which should never have been included in the reserve," said Mr. Locke, "and Gifford Pinchot's policy in increasing the reserve to include it was based on a belief among the settlers who had gone into the territory around Lake Quinalt to make homes for themselves. While some of the pioneers remained on their land many of them deserted their embryo homes and left the country. Those who remained have struggled along for many years in the belief that someday their troubles would be over and they would be connected with the outside world.

"A concerted effort should be made by the people of Aberdeen and Grays Harbor to induce the Government to open the Quinalt Indian reservation. The completion of the state road to Lake Quinalt and beyond to the straits will offer the only means for the people of the western end of Grayland and Clallam Counties to visit their county seats."

## OWYHEE PROJECT WINS

### LAST OBSTACLE TO RECLAMATION OF 200,000 ACRES GONE.

#### Ditch Company's Rights Joined With Those of Districts, Insuring Necessary Reservoirs.

ONTARIO, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—With the agreement reached between the Owyhee Ditch Company and the proposed irrigation districts between the Malheur and Owyhee Rivers, an important irrigation project for Malheur County is launched. The Trowbridge-Niver Company, of Chicago, is gathering workmen and teams to begin construction as soon as weather will allow.

For the past several months the formation of irrigation districts has been held back by negotiations pending with the Owyhee Ditch Company, the oldest and strongest in this vicinity. The final turning over of all the rights and water system to become the property of the proposed districts has made way for the successful culmination of plans for irrigation here.

An agreement also has been reached with the Nevada Ditch Company, which has a considerable acreage under the proposed new project. The rights will also be turned over to the districts, and thus practically every water-user in the vicinity becomes a member of the district or districts, which will be capable of storing enough water for 200,000 acres. The largest part of the land to be benefited lies in Malheur County between the Malheur and Owyhee Rivers, but some of it lies in Idaho, and another unit which may be included in the district above the Malheur River on what is known as the Dead Ox flat.

Another project for Malheur County now taking definite form is proposed for the Willow River district. The firm interested in the new scheme is composed of Salt Lake men, prominent among whom are H. E. Dorsey and A. J. Evans. They have bought the rights, ditches and reservoir sites from the old Malheur Irrigation Company, of Fayette, including the old Stark ditch along the Malheur River and several reservoir sites on the Willow above Vale. They are direct now negotiating with present water-users on the Willow for their rights. The first unit of their proposed project will take in 20,000 acres along the Willow river, but may later include some territory above the Malheur.

### BRITISH SHIPPERS HAPPY

#### Owners of Vessels Expect Renewed Activity in Freight Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The new year finds shippers in a more hopeful mood than for many months past. There are various signs which suggest that better times for the industry are ahead. The trade of the world appears to be reviving. Big crops have to be moved from one end of the globe to the other, and new sources of employment are quickly opening out.

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## CANCER CURE HOPED

### Inoculation Suggested by New York Investigator.

### DISEASE IN FISH PECULIAR

#### Greatest Increase in Malady Seen in Those Parts of Country Where Trout Are Most Plentiful. Much Expected of Virus.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13.—A strong hope of curing cancer, or at least greatly ameliorating the suffering of cancer patients by means of inoculation, is held out in the report of Harvey G. Bayford, director of the cancer laboratory of the State Department of Health at Buffalo.

This hope is based on extended experimentation in the last year on the inoculation of various animals, mainly rats, with the cancer virus. It is reported that "it appears," says the report, "that where the resistance of the animal is not sufficiently weakened by one inoculation of the tumor, this resistance can be heightened by repeated doses and, in a considerable proportion of cases, immunity can be raised to a point that will bring about a cure.

#### Humans May Be Cured.

"It is needless to point out that this process of repeated vaccination, which has cured in the proportion of 25 to 40 in rats, might well be applied to those cases of late cancer in human beings in which surgery has nothing to offer and the outlook is hopeless.

"As we strongly urged the Legislature in previous reports, the time has come when we should begin experimentation with human beings.

"To do so it is necessary that a number of patients should be maintained for this purpose. Funds sufficient to enable us to maintain the fund, to purchase the amount that can be of value if this work is to be undertaken.

### Coincidence in Fish Cancer.

Other investigations conducted by the laboratory have had to do with the prevalence of many forms of cancer in fish and the possibility of infection by human beings. It has been found that cancer of the thyroid is of frequent occurrence in fish of the trout family.

"It is a remarkable coincidence," says the report, "that the area of the United States which includes the great concentration of human cancer cases is almost identical with the area through which the various members of the trout family are distributed.

"Statistics are given to show that cancer continues to increase. The report says that in the United States it has increased from 9 per 100,000 population in 1900 to 1908 an average of about 65 in 1901 and an average of more than 70 in 1908.

### END OF FRICTION IS PLAN

#### Chinese Would Show Christianity Has Many High Ideals.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—A native dispatch reproduced by a Shanghai journal states that the Ministry of Education has hit upon the following plan for preventing anti-Christian troubles in China: It proposes to select a number of the smartest students, who have been educated abroad, to translate extracts and selection of Christian works, and in the case of any tenets or principles conflicting with those taught in Confucianism, to compare and illustrate them with words from the "Four Books in Six Classics."

Copies of these selected compilations would then be circulated in schools and public offices in the empire, to acquaint the people with the fact that Christianity, like the doctrines of the Chinese philosopher, Mai Tzu, has for its object "the exhortation of men to be good and altruistic." In this manner, it is added, the doubts of the people would be removed and anti-Christian friction should die a natural death.

#### More Miners' Bodies Recovered.

PRIMERO, Colo., Feb. 13.—Three more bodies were recovered from the "main" Primero mine today, making 55 taken out since the explosion on January 21. One body was identified as that of David Williams, Welsh mine boss. Workmen say more bodies will be recovered tomorrow.

# \$95,000,000 NOW FOR IRRIGATION

## At Least That Amount Could Be Used to Carry Project to Limit.

### BALLINGER GIVES OUT DATA

#### Secretary Indicates Manner in Which \$30,000,000 Will Be Utilized if Appropriated by Congress at Present Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 13.—If Congress authorizes the issuance of reclamation certificates for \$95,000,000, all Government irrigation projects of indebtedness or bonds to the extent of acts now under way can be completed according to approved plans in about two years. This does not mean, however, that the full water supply now available, or that can be developed in the neighborhood of the various projects, can be exhausted in this time, or with this amount of money.

To carry all these projects to their utmost limits, utilizing all possible water that can be obtained by diversion and storage, would call for the expenditure of about \$95,000,000, and the work involved would cover at least six years.

The plan now before Congress, however, is to get sufficient money to complete the various projects according to plans that have been worked out by the Reclamation Service and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The remaining work has not been given more than the merest attention, and no definite plans for the full utilization of available water supply have been prepared.

### Ballinger Furnishes Data.

In a letter to Senator Carter, chairman of the irrigation committee, Secretary Ballinger furnishes complete data as to the amounts needed to complete the projects along the lines laid down in approved plans, and indicates the manner in which the \$95,000,000 will be utilized if appropriated. In this letter, Secretary Ballinger says:

"The Reclamation Service reports the following data with reference to amounts necessary to complete the approved portions of reclamation projects now under construction, and the extensions of such projects which could, with advantage, be made were funds available for that purpose:

State	Project	Approved	Extensions
Arizona	Salt River	2,200,000	275,000
Ariz.-Chih.	Yuma	1,200,000	
Calif.	Colusa	2,000,000	750,000
Calif.	Grand Valley	2,337,000	
Calif.	San Joaquin	2,500,000	
Idaho	Minidoka	4,000,000	5,500,000
Idaho	Payson	2,337,000	
Montana	Miss. River	1,837,000	4,000,000
Montana	Huntley	80,000	
Mont.	Sour. River	1,000,000	7,500,000
Mont.-N. Dak.	Low. Y.	338,000	
Mont.	Yellow River	1,100,000	6,000,000
Nev.	Truckee-Carson	182,000	2,000,000
N. Mex.	Tex. R. Gr.	870,000	261,000
N. D.	Williston-Bud.	30,000	
Oregon	Umatilla	1,000,000	2,500,000
Ore.	Walla Walla	1,000,000	2,500,000
S. Dak.	Bell. Poudre	800,000	
Wash.	Yakima	1,324,000	14,000,000
Wash.	Spokane	2,022,000	
Total		\$50,158,000	\$55,738,000

"In the foregoing table the amounts in the column 'approved portion' are the amounts which should be added to the expenditure made in 1909, plus the allotments for 1910. The amounts in the last column are only approximate estimates. The estimate for the Minidoka project, above, applies to the south side only, and does not include the irrigation project on Lake Steamer. The \$14,000,000 estimate for the completed Yakima project includes the Kittitas and Benton units.

"The average annual receipts under the reclamation fund from 1901 to 1908, inclusive, were \$7,237,394; the estimated receipts for 1909 are \$7,771,999; the estimated receipts for 1910 are \$7,232,000.

### Much Money Needed.

"Assuming that the receipts from the sale of public lands, and from repayment of building charges, will average \$7,000,000 per year in future, an additional annual appropriation of \$7,000,000 for the bond issue or otherwise, making \$14,000,000 per annum available, would permit of the completion of the approved portion of the project included in the foregoing table in a little over two years.

"The Director and Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service advise me that this amount could be economically and wisely expended. They also advise me that, upon continuance of the same annual addition to the fund, the extensions described could be completed in four years more.

"The table headed 'approved portion,' covering an estimated expenditure of \$95,158,000, represents the projects, or portions of projects, approved by my predecessor and myself. The table headed 'extensions,' covering an estimated expenditure of \$55,738,000, has not been approved by me; and it is possible that in working out the matter when the work is actually reached, the amount could be decreased by the elimination of some of the proposed extensions.

"As recommended in my annual report to the President, I am heartily in favor of an early completion of existing projects, and of prudent extensions, where the extensions appear necessary to reclaim arid public lands, and to utilize water supplies created in connection.

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early return to the treasury of the money expended in the construction of the reclamation work.

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