

PACKERS INDICTED AS FOES OF TRADE

National Packing Company and Ten Subsidiary Concerns Accused.

ALL-BIG FIRMS INVOLVED

Control of Smaller Companies Is Alleged to Have Been Bought Up. Suit for Dissolution Begins. Company Enters Denial.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Eight weeks after it had begun its investigation of alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, the Federal grand jury today returned indictments against the National Packing Company and 10 subsidiary concerns.

Immediately upon announcement of the indictments before Judge Kennesaw M. Landis, the Government filed a suit seeking the dissolution of the packing company. The suit is in equity and, besides those indicted, 16 firms and individuals are made defendants. In a statement issued on behalf of the National Packing Company, Ralph Crews, its general counsel, tonight gives some inkling of the determination to fight the Government to the limit. His statement follows:

Violation of Law Denied.

"The company was organized in March, 1903, for the purpose of economizing in operation of certain subsidiary corporations named jointly with it in the indictment returned today by the Federal grand jury for the northern district of Illinois. Its organization was directed by the best counsel obtainable, who believed and now believe its organization and the operation of its subsidiary companies in no way transgressed the privileges of the Sherman act, and in this respect it is practically similar to nearly all the large corporations of the country."

Competition Still Continues.

"This proportion could not constitute a monopoly in any sense of the word. Instead of operating to restrain the trade of its subsidiary companies, as alleged in the indictment, it is a fact the companies have all shown a healthy increase since the formation of the National. The company is operated by its officers purely as a competitive and independent factor in the trade."

Many Big Packers Involved.

The defendants are: The National Packing Company, G. H. Hammond Company, Hammond Packing Company, Omaha Packing Company, American Packing Company, Power Packing Company, United Dressed Beef Company, St. Louis Dressed Beef & Provision Company, Western Packing Company, Colorado Packing & Provision Company, New York Butchers Dressed Meat Company, Continental Packing Company, Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., Edward Tilden, Louis F. Swift, Edward F. Swift, Charles H. Swift, L. A. Carson, Frank A. Johnson, J. Ogden Armour, Arthur Meeker, Thomas J. Connors, Edward Morris, Thomas E. Wilson and L. H. Heyman.

Competing Companies Bought.

On the date of its organization, the bill states, there was turned over to the National Packing Company by the Armour, Swift and Morris interests control of a number of packing concerns which up to that time had been competitors, not only of the Armour, Swift and Morris Companies, but of each other.

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Minority Leader Clark was to be a member of the committee, he believed Mr. Payne also should be on the committee.

Republican Caucus Saturday.

The Republican caucus on the selection of the new rules committee, it was announced by Representative Ford, would not be held before the latter part of the week, probably Saturday night.

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