

PACKERS ABANDON EFFORTS TO DELAY

Early Stages of Trial on Criminal Charges Make Rapid Progress.

MANY TALES MEN REJECTED

Conscientious Scruples Against Enforcement of Sherman Law Are Admitted—Packing-House Odors Are Factors.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—After eight years' tedious travel in the ways of grand juries and special pleas, the cases of ten Chicago meat packers, indicted for alleged violation of the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, were brought to trial today.

Indications were that the early stages of the trial, at least, would be rapid, for the government's examination of the first panel of jurors was terse.

Thirty peremptory challenges were allowed to each side, and by night the government had accepted ten. None of the veniremen had been questioned by the defense.

Questions hinged chiefly on willingness to accept it as part of the government's function to regulate affairs of private business.

Fellow Club Member Challenged.
All the defendants were in court immediately after the case was called.

Richard Dean, general manager of the Pullman Company, a fellow club member with most of the defendants, who was passed in the morning session, was challenged by the government in the afternoon in spite of his assertion that his friendship with the defendants would not prevent his rendering an impartial verdict.

Robert Grant, an official of the National Hinge Company, was challenged when he said he would have conscientious scruples against enforcing a penalty for violation of the Sherman law.

Government's Policy Questioned.
Other veniremen who expressed doubt of the propriety of the government's exercising control of business conduct were challenged peremptorily.

Attorneys here are of the opinion the trial will proceed without any further attempts of counsel for the packers to cause delay.

The 12 jurors who had been passed by the government were ordered locked up tonight and the rest of the venire were ordered in court tomorrow. None will be questioned by the defense until at least four have been finally accepted by the government.

Jail Sentence Possible.
The extreme penalty which can be given the defendants in case of conviction is a fine of \$5000 or one year in jail, or both.

That jurors might not be influenced enough having been victims of the famous "stockyards smell" which penetrates the South and West Sides of Chicago, was indicated by questions.

Each prospective juror was asked whether any friends or relatives lived in the sections most affected by the odor and how frequently veniremen visited the "smell" area.

CONTROLLER ROW ISSUE

Representatives Will Carry Fight for Probe to Floor of House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The decision of the House committee on expenditures in the Interior Department to drop the Controller Bay investigation produced a break in the committee at an executive session today. Republican members, who insist that the investigation continue until all sides of the case have been heard, probably will continue the fight on the floor of the House.

It is understood a formal demand will be made upon Chairman Graham by Republican members of his committee to reopen these hearings and to call Miss M. F. Abbott, who claimed to have found the famous "Dick to Dick" letters, and Government officers and employees who may give testimony regarding the Alaskan situation.

It is expected the Democratic members will formulate soon a report to be made to the House. The Republican members will join in a minority report.

GIRLS' CONTEST PLANNED

Prizes to Be Given in Declamatory Event at O. A. C.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—In connection with the interclass debate to be held between the sophomore and the freshman classes at the Oregon Agricultural College the department of public speaking has arranged for an interclass declamatory contest between the girls representing the four different classes. Two prizes have been secured, a kodak donated by Graham & Wells and a ruff-neck donated by J. M. Nolan & Son, and in addition to winning one of these prizes it is probable that the winning girl will be awarded her class numeral.

This is the first attempt at class debating and declamatory contest which has been held at the Oregon Agricultural College, but the enthusiasm with which it has been received has convinced everyone interested in this branch of college activities that it is the best way which has yet been tried to create interest in public speaking. The contests will be held during the Winter short course.

CHURCH WORK IS DIVIDED

Different Sections of State Apportioned by Council.

The Portland committee of the Home Missions Council, appointed recently, held a session at the Y. M. C. A. building yesterday. Twenty-two denominations make up the council, and ten are represented on the local committee.

Six denominations were represented at yesterday's meeting, the following being present: George E. Padlock, Congregational; F. C. W. Parker, Baptist; J. W. Milligan, Presbyterian; J. W. Sprecher, United Brethren; J. W. McDougall, Methodist Episcopal; and H. E. Hornschuch, Evangelical Association.

Alternate delegates present were J. J. Staub, Congregational; F. S. Monev, Evangelical; C. W. Hays, Presbyterian. The aim of the "neglected fields survey" of the Home Missions Council is to learn those sections of the states in which no ministerial work is being done, and to assign to various denominations this work that it may be done in a systematic manner without overlapping of effort while some sections are untouched.

CITY DERELICTS PEONS

SO COLORADO MAN DESCRIBES SUGAR-FIELD CONDITIONS.

House Investigating Committee Hears Story of Alleged Hardships Inflicted on Workers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Depicting conditions in the sugar beet fields of Colorado as approaching peonage, James Botkin, of Meade, Colo., told the so-called "sugar trust" investigating committee of the House today that city derelicts, recruited from the slums, were kept practically in a state of bondage. His statement caused a mild sensation.

Mr. Botkin described a system of contract labor in the Colorado fields, and detailed hardships he charged were inflicted on working people recruited by the Great Western Sugar Company. He said that a man, his wife and several children, ranging from eight years upward, would put in from 10 to 14 hours a day at "back-breaking work which an American would scorn to do."

With a shrewd farm logic Mr. Botkin expressed his contempt for the "city chaps" who were sent by the sugar company to oversee its operations.

The committee took great interest in his description of the "slum laborer." Democrats, led by Representative Baker, of California, sought to show by the witness that the tariff levied by the American Nation did not reach down to the Russians and Hindus who worked in the Colorado beet fields. The Republican Representatives, yesterday, Hinds and Malby, emphasized the point that Americans would not descend to that labor.

"How much does a woman earn in the field?" asked Mr. Hinds.

"I don't know," answered the witness. "She is a better worker than the man, but she gets less pay than the man and the children do the work."

NAVY HAS LIVELY ROW

DEPOSING OF NICHOLSON IS CARRIED TO WHITE HOUSE.

Admiral's Friends in Congress Request Removal as Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The controversy regarding the removal of Rear-Admiral Nicholson as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department by Commander Phillip Andrew, naval aide to Secretary Meyer, which already had spread from naval circles to members of the House naval affairs committee, today was carried to the White House.

Rear-Admiral Nicholson had served only two years of the usual four-year term as Chief of the Navigation Bureau when orders were issued to transfer him to command the Asiatic fleet. President Taft approved this as well as Secretary Meyer's decision to appoint Commander Andrew as chief of the bureau in his place.

According to Admiral Nicholson's friends, he was practically deposed from the bureau and they have rallied to his support. Representative Foss, of Illinois, ranking Republican member of the naval affairs committee, and Representatives Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, and Weeks, of Massachusetts, called on the President and laid the case before him. Shortly after the Congressional delegation called, the President summoned Secretary Meyer.

"That bureau needed reorganization," explained the Secretary. "And I intend to have it reorganized."

Mr. Meyer admitted the change might be delayed until the controversy blew over.

FEDERAL CONTROL ARGUED

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ask this congress to oppose the Secretary of the Navy's plea for three \$12,000,000 warships when only \$17,000,000 is allowed by the Government for agricultural purposes.

Oregon's Claim Presented.
Oregon and Washington argued prominently at today's session. Tom Richardson pleaded for justice for Oregon. He said that Oregon had paid into the reclamation fund 13 per cent of the whole and had received only 4.5 per cent back. He paid tribute to the cleanliness and conservatism of Oregon land advertising and deplored the tendency to advertise Canada by reference to the number of American farmers going across the line.

H. L. Moody, of Spokane, vouched for the high standard of Washington and Northwest advertising matter generally.

The Oregon delegation organized as follows: Chairman, Tom Richardson; secretary, F. W. Graham; credentials committee, G. B. Simpson; permanent organization, M. C. George, all of Portland; honorary vice-president, William Hanley; executive committee, C. C. Chapman; resolutions committee, Abel Ady, of Klamath, Or. The delegation favors Senator Newhall for next president.

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LIST REPLETE WITH KINGS

"The Royal Descent and Colonial Ancestry of Mrs. Harley Calvin Gage" Is Widely Read in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Among the new books, as reviewers say, is a blue and gold volume entitled "The Royal Descent and Colonial Ancestry of Mrs. Harley Calvin Gage." The author is Mrs. Gage. She is also the publisher and distributor.

Mrs. Gage and her beautiful daughter, Margaret, came to Washington about 18 months ago and are by way of being in society. If society in the National capital had any doubts about the qualifications of Mrs. Gage to belong, the book she has distributed among the first families is calculated to dispel it.

The book has had quite a vogue. One edition has been exhausted and Mrs. Gage announces that another will soon be off the presses. A copy has been filed in the library of Congress.

Preface is Enlightening.
This book has the following preface: "This pedigree covers an unbroken period of more than 1400 years of actual royal and imperial descent from the monarchs of nearly every civilized nation, including Guelph, Prince of Saxe, ancestor of the royal family of England; Eriam, King of the Franks (823 A. D.); Charlemagne, Emperor of the West; Alfred the Great, Hugh Ca-

put, William the Conqueror, the Kings of France, Italy, England, Spain, Portugal, the Emperors of Russia, Germany, Austria and the holy Roman Empire, and hundreds of other Emperors, Kings, Princes, Dukes, Marguises, Earls, Counts, knights of the Order of the Garter, including its royal founder (1350), Edward III, King of England; knights of the Order of the Golden Fleece, including the founder (1423), and first grand master, Philippe III, Duke of Burgundy, the founders of Christian civilization and the historic protectors of the Christian church."

Ancestors Are Prominent.
The lineal descent of Mrs. Gage from the following worthy Americans is mentioned: "Tenth lineal descendant of Thomas Dudley, Colonial Governor of Massachusetts, 1634-25.

"Ninth lineal descendant of Anne Dudley, poet.

"Ninth lineal descendant of Simon Bradstreet, Governor of Massachusetts, 1630.

"Tenth lineal descendant of the Rev. Increase Mather, president of Harvard College, 1701.

"Ninth lineal descendant of the Rev. Cotton Mather, Governor of New Hampshire, 1640.

"Seventh lineal descendant of the Rev. William Williams, of Hatfield, Mass.

Mrs. Gage is the daughter of Ashley Mott, of Vermont. When she came here from Boston she purchased a home on Dupont Circle and, as an opening sign in her social campaign, introduced an elaborate tea. She is introducing her daughter in society.

BLACK SANDS YIELD GOLD

Mine Started on Newport Beach to Extract Precious Metal.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—A placer gold mine is under operation on the site of the old Monterey Hotel on the beach one mile north of Newport.

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POET'S ESTATE \$200,000

Eugene F. Ware Leaves Farm and Valuable Copyright on Writings.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—By the will of Eugene F. Ware, the Kansas poet, filed today, members of the family are named beneficiaries in the estate, which is estimated at \$200,000.

The estate includes the copyright on Mr. Ware's books, the family home in Kansas City, Kan., a farm in Southern Kansas and a cottage in the Rocky Mountains, where the poet died last July.

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