

### PACKERS DECLARE PUBLIC WAS AIDED

Weekly Meetings Solely to Prevent Overstocking of Market, Is Defense.

### GOOD FAITH IS ASSERTED

High Cost of Meat Attributed to Variety of Economic Causes, and Unlawful Regulation of Price Is Denied.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Denying the material allegations made by the Government against the 19 Chicago packers on trial before United States District Judge Carpenter for violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law, attorney George T. Buckingham outlined today the case of the defendants in an opening statement to the jury.

The defense met defeat when Judge Carpenter denied motions to eliminate counts two and three from the indictments and to have the jury disregard statements made by District Attorney Wilkerson in his opening arguments regarding certain acts of the defendants prior to the three-year period covered by the indictment.

Attorney Buckingham described in detail the method of buying, selling and accounting used by the packers, and declared that the unusual nature of the business made such a system absolutely necessary.

**Public Declared Benefited.**  
In outlining the packers' defense, he made salient statements in reply to the charges of the Government, among which were:

That the business operations of the packers do not constitute any undue and unreasonable restraint of trade under the Sherman law as recently interpreted by the United States Supreme Court in the cases of the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company.

That the public has been benefited rather than being injured by the operations of the packers.

That the Government's proof of the alleged combination must be confined to the three-year period subsequent to 1907.

That the profits of the packers do not exceed 10 per cent on the actual money invested.

That the profits on the sale of meats do not exceed 2 per cent.

**Price Agreement Denied.**  
That no agreement on the purchase price of cattle or on the sale of meat ever existed among the defendants.

That the weekly meetings of packers prior to 1907 were for the sole purpose of preventing the overstocking of the market with perishable meat and not to fix prices or suppress competition.

That there are nearly 300 independent concerns in daily competition with the indicted packers.

That the defendants supply less than 75 per cent of the meat used in this country.

That the high cost of meat is the result of a variety of economic causes and not due to any combination among packers.

That the National Packing Company was formed in good faith to transact a legitimate business and not to perpetuate any system for the fixing of prices or the control of the product.

### POLICE INSPECTOR OUT

Chicago Continues Removals on Charges of Incompetency.

### PILOTAGE CASE HASTENED

Government Asks Decision Before Canal Is Completed.

### ROOSEVELT PUT IN RACE

Secretary Corrick added that he did not think the placing of Roosevelt in the field would seriously handicap the La Follette forces in Nebraska.

### HARRIMAN NEVER SOLICITED

Committee Treasurer Writes Letter Saying Roosevelt Told Truth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The following correspondence between Theodore Roosevelt and George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, was made public today:

December 15, 1911.—Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Dear Mr. Roosevelt: Ever since the election of 1904 the story has been continuously published and never denied, except by you, that you asked H. H. Harriman to contribute money to aid in your election and that he thereupon raised or contributed \$250,000 to the National committee fund. Knowing this to be untrue, I several times suggested to my superior officer, C. N.

### ARMY RESERVE IS URGED IN MESSAGE

President Would Enlist Men for Three Years, Then Hold Them on Call.

### MONEY REFORM DISCUSSED

Initiation of Parcels Post System on Rural Routes, With Package Limit of 11 Pounds, Held to Be Wise Policy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Taft discussed currency reform, Pan-American trade, Army reforms, the employees' liability and company rural parcels post and other Government questions in a message which he sent to Congress today.

The President says that currency reform is "a matter of first importance." Because the report of the Monetary Commission is still being considered, the President says he cannot do much more than recommend the "immediate importance of monetary reform." He adds:

"It seems to be desirable that the banks which would own the association should, in the main, manage it. It would be an agency of the banks to act for them and they can be trusted better than anybody else, chiefly to conduct it. It is mainly bankers' work. But there must be some form of Government supervision and ultimate control, and I favor a reasonable representation of the Government in the management. I entertain no fear of the introduction of public or of any undesirable influences from a properly measured Government representation."

**Army Service Corps Indorsed.**  
Discussing Army reforms, the President says he is in full accord with the proposal to establish an Army service corps, but he favors a consolidation of the staff corps along lines differing from those provided in the pending bill. He says:

"I am opposed to any plan, the result of which would be to interfere with the essential principles of the detail system in the staff corps, established by the act of February 29, 1901, and I am opposed to any plan the result of which would be to give to the officer elected as chief of staff or to any other member of the general staff corps greater permanency of office than he now has."

"In making the consolidations no reduction should be made in the total number of officers of the army, of whom there are now too few to perform the duties imposed by law. I have in the past recommended an increase in the number of officers to 600 in order to provide sufficient officers to perform all classes of staff duty and to reduce the number of officers detached from their commands. Congress at the last session increased the total number of officers by 200, but this is not enough. From the line of the army is too slow. Officers do not attain command rank at an age early enough properly to exercise it."

**Five-Year Enlistment Unwise.**  
"Another feature of the bill which I believe to be a mistake is the proposed increase in the term of enlistment from three to five years. I believe it would be a comparatively small compensation for the three years' service which would keep a large body of men at the call of the Government, trained and ready for service and able to meet any emergency."

The President renews the recommendations in his last annual message of all nations with supplies of coal and other necessities, and that the power of fixing tolls for the Panama Canal be vested in the President.

The message urged that the Chief Executive be given power to remove Federal Court clerks for cause, though still leaving with the judges the power to appoint or dismiss their clerks personally.

Of the employers' liability and workmen's compensation commission, the report says:

"It is hoped and expected that the commission will suggest legislation which will enable us to place in the present wasteful and somewhat unjust system of employers' liability a plan of compensation which will afford some certain and definite relief to employees who are injured in the course of their employment in those industries, which are subject to the regulating power of Congress."

**Rural Parcels Post Suggested.**  
Measures for expediting litigation are suggested, and the subject of parcels post is referred to in part, as follows:

"Steps should be taken immediately for the establishment of a rural parcels post. It is hoped that Congress will authorize the immediate establishment of a rural parcels post, such rural routes as may be selected, providing for the delivery along the routes of parcels not exceeding 11 pounds, which is the weight for the international parcel post, or at the postoffice from which such route emanates, or another route emanating from the same office. Such preliminary service will prepare the way for the more thorough and comprehensive inquiry contemplated in asking for the appropriation mentioned, enable the Department to gain definite information concerning the practical operation of a general system, and at the same time extend the benefit of the service to a class of people who, above all others, are especially in need of it."

"The suggestion that we have a general parcel post has awakened great opposition on the part of some who think that it will have the effect of destroying the business of the country storekeepers. Instead of doing this, I think the change will greatly increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in the cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain."

**NATIONS ENJOIN REBELS**  
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ten days, to which the revolutionists have agreed, has given some hope, but unless the revolutionists accept Premier Yuan's offer, the only alternative is continuation of the conflict, with possible division of the country, the dependencies rallying around the northern empire.

The Premier has sent 3000 troops of the Twentieth Division to Chin Wang Tao, on the coast of Pe-chih, with the object of preventing republican troops

### MISSIONARIES ASKED TO STAY

Reformers Fear Departure Would Give People Wrong Ideas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church has received a letter from Rev. Walter Williams at Kuitun, near Foo Chow, China, explaining why some of the missionaries did not follow the suggestion of United States Consuls to seek protection at seaports. Dr. Williams incloses a letter from the Sia Huiol (reform society) of Kuitun, setting forth the measures the Chinese themselves have taken to protect missionaries. The letter says:

"We have just heard that the honorable church missionaries, owing to the uprising of the new association (the reformers) have been called by your honorable council to the capital to be protected in peace. This is a good plan, arising from a good purpose."

"However, the people of Kuitun have become very much enlightened and their customs changed. The people and the church are at peace. Your honorable church has opened schools, hospitals and orphan asylums and similar good things. Although the people of Kuitun are a simple folk, still they have seen and appreciated these things. If you should suddenly go from Kuitun, we greatly fear that the people would be alarmed and think matters worse than they are. If you stay, this will not be the case."

This society humbly requests that you permit them to persuade you to remain. Should anything unforeseen occur, we should, of course, exact our own protection, but we are sure that we can afford efficient protection. We await your views and wish you peace and happiness."

**VICTORY IS FORESEEN**  
AMERICAN TEAM LIKELY TO BRING BACK DAVIS TROPHY.

Wright Rounding Out Perfect Form Faster Than Either Larned or McLoughlin, Is Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Australasian lawn tennis players regard the victory of the American cup challengers as a certainty, according to news received today in a cablegram from Christchurch, N. Z., by American Lawn Tennis, the official publication of the sport in this country.

According to the message, Beals C. Wright, the ex-National champion, has rounded into phenomenal form, which competent authorities regard as fully equal to that which was displayed two years ago. William A. Larned and Maurice E. McLoughlin, the young challengers, have not come into their full playing stride as quickly as has Wright. It is believed that the trio is certain to lift the Davis cup.

The first series of singles will be played on Friday, December 29, and the final sets of singles on Monday, January 1. The Australians have not come into their full playing stride as quickly as has Wright. It is believed that the trio is certain to lift the Davis cup.

**TAX PUT ON DIVIDENDS**  
SO-CALLED REFUNDS TO POLICY HOLDERS INVOLVED.

Some of Companies Admit "Exigencies of Business" Often Lead to Misrepresentations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell decided today that the dividends paid by mutual and "participating" insurance companies to their policyholders are subject to assessment as income under the corporation tax law.

The companies contended, according to the Commissioner, that the dividends are not dividends in the commercial sense, but simply refunds to policyholders of an overcharge in the insurance premium.

Some of them admitted, he added, "that exigencies of business and competition had resulted in the companies making misrepresentations of facts as to dividends to their prospective purchasers of insurance."

About \$400,000 revenue to the Government was involved in the decision. Not only dividends paid in cash are taxable, according to the ruling, but also those applied to the renewal of premiums, to shorten the endowment of premium-paying policies, or to purchase paid-up additions and annuities.

**CHURCHES BAR ALL MINORS**  
Scarlet Fever Epidemic at Vancouver Causes Action.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The unusual placard on the doors of Vancouver churches, "No Minors Allowed," has attracted the eyes of hundreds of residents of this city.

These signs have been posted as a result of an order by Dr. E. G. Black, county and city health officer, since scarlet fever has been epidemic in Vancouver. No minors will be allowed in the churches until January 3, at the earliest, and all Christmas tree exercises in the city have been postponed until some time in January, 1912.

The Vancouver Ministerial Association and another committee consisting of Mrs. W. W. McCredie, John M. Lay and Rev. A. B. Bohl, appointed by the Mayor at a meeting of the City Council Monday night, will meet tomorrow morning, at which time it will be decided what shall be done about closing the churches to all services, and recommending that the Health Officer order closed the moving-picture shows, dances and all other public meetings.

It is said that approximately 80 cases have been reported and that there have been six deaths caused by scarlet fever. The Irvington Methodist Church, of which Rev. J. H. Berringer is pastor, has been closed to all meetings until January 2, 1912.

**ALASKA ROAD PROPOSED**  
Federal Ownership of Railway Feature of Sulzer's Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A million-dollar appropriation for the construction and operation of a railroad to be known as the Alaska Central Railroad and for additional Alaskan conservation is contemplated in a bill introduced today by Representative Sulzer, of New York, who recently visited that territory. The measure would include Alaska in the Interstate Commerce Commission's jurisdiction.

"The Alaska Public Service Commissioners" would be authorized to construct and operate the Alaska Central from Seward, on Resurrection Bay, to Matanuska coal field, the actual construction to be under Army engineers. The bill would segregate 15,000 acres of the best coal lands in the Matanuska coal fields, and the same amount in adjacent fields, for the use of the Army and Navy.

**ATWOOD MAKES LONG FLIGHT.**  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—A flight of more than 150 miles in a hydro-aeroplane was completed when Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, who left Point of Pines, near Lynn, Mass., at 10:55 A. M., alighted easily on the waters of Narragansett Bay, near

### Edgewood Yacht Club, here, at 1:40 P. M. Atwood claims that his flight exceeds by 15 miles the best previous record in a machine of the type in which he flew.

### Philosopher Takes Own Life.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Rather than pass Christmas hungry and miserable, S. E. Brown, aged 64, a writer of philosophical treatises, committed suicide. His body was found in a room of a lodging-house today. All the gascocks in the room were open. He had only 2 cents in his pockets.

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**PAPER FRAUD REVEALED**  
CLAY USED TO ADULTERATE GOVERNMENT STOCK.

Fear Seriously Expressed That Records Heretofore Printed Will Become Illegible Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Discovery by the Congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the Government Printing Office led today to the announcement of a complete new set of Government paper standards.

The paper adulteration was accomplished by the substitution of clay for the more substantial wood or rag fibers, leading to the grave fear that many of the printed records of the Government would crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

The joint committee has endeavored for more than a year to bring about a reform and standardization of paper purchased for the Government and amounting to more than \$1,000,000 yearly. The public printer today was authorized to advertise for bids on 25,000,000 pounds of paper for the year beginning March 1 next.

In the new specifications the use of clay and mineral filler is closely restricted. The committee was told that the use of clay in excess of printing requirements was being printed by experts to be a deliberate adulteration.

The joint committee also has cut from the Government stock many grades of paper used in printing. The bill would buy paper direct, all of the proposals being passed on by the committee.

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