

PACKERS' PROFITS HIDE EXCESSIVE

Federal Trade Commission in Report to Congress Alleges Market Control.

HOARDING CHARGE MADE

Supplies Said to Be Stored by Chicago "Big Five" at Time When Prices of Shoes Throughout Country Go Soaring.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Hoarding of hides by packers while shoe prices have been climbing upward, an excessive profit to the packers, who practically control the hide market, are charged in a report by the Federal Trade Commission submitted today to Congress. The commission points out that slaughtering of cattle and calves in the United States increased during the last five years by \$19,000 head, or virtually 20 per cent. Such a record of food animals ought not to be the case, it says, if the country should be forced to pay abnormally high prices for leather products made from the correspondingly increased take-off of hides, the report declares. Estimates of the International Institute of Agriculture up to 1916 do not indicate any shortage in the world total of cattle, the report said. Steered Supplies Increase. The commission reported that the quantity of hides stored by the "big five" Chicago packers—Armour, Swift, Morris, Cudahy and Wilson—increased 11 per cent during 1916 and the first half of 1917. These five concerns were declared to be the "chief factors" in the hide market. While they had on hand January 21, 1916, a total of 88,023,193 pounds of hides, the amount had increased to 127,841,119 pounds July 21, 1917. It was held by the smaller packers showed an even more striking increase, amounting to 83 per cent in the same period, although the total was only 20,042,102 pounds July 21, 1917. The grand total held by 273 interstate packers, including the "big five," increased from 93,900,736 pounds to 147,790,271 pounds, or practically one-half.

Imports of hides also were found by the commission to have increased in 1917 70 per cent more than in 1912.

Chicagoans Big Factors.

"These great increases in imports have been principally from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay," he report adds, "where the large Chicago packers are very prominent factors in the hide business." Finally, the commission found that "country" hides, being the take-off of farmers and local butchers, are very plentiful.

The commission reported that the values which the packers have placed on their hides are much greater than for the increase in the price they have paid for cattle.

While the farmers received only 17 per cent more for their cattle from Swift's five principal plants in 1916-17, the value Swift & Co. put on their hides from the same cattle, according to the report, increased 25 per cent.

Profit Increase Remarkable.

"Phenomenal increases in the leather profits of Armour and Swift were reported by the commission. Net profits of the larger tanning companies in 1916 were said to be from two to five times as large as in 1915. One unnamed company said to have made \$541,590 in 1914, cleared \$2,576,544 in 1916. Exports of men's shoes were found by the commission to have increased from the high level of 12,904,000 pairs in 1916 to slightly over 6,000,000 in 1917.

"Apparently the large demands of our Army have been offset partially by the lessened exports," the report concludes.

CENTRALIA BOY PROMOTED

Russell Litch, Student Aviator in Texas, Made Corporal.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Russell Litch, a former Centralia high school boy, now at the aviation training camp at Waco, Tex., has been made a corporal, according to a letter received from him yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Litch.

Russell Litch, another local high school boy, who enlisted in the Navy is now on duty in the British Isles, his mother, Mrs. C. R. Lamb, having received a letter from him yesterday.

In writing to his sister, Mrs. George Henry, Glenn W. Norris, signal corps, announces his arrival in France on December 24. The soldier in his letter says the throats of several Americans lying wounded were cut by Germans.

WHEN GIRLS GROW PALE

What anemia is, how to recognize it and the value of the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be known by the mother of every growing girl. Anemia is simply lack of blood. It is one of the most common and dangerous diseases from which growing girls suffer. It is common because the blood so often becomes impoverished during development, when girls are too frequently allowed to overstudy, overwork or suffer from lack of exercise. It is a condition that calls emphatically for a tonic for the blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a tonic especially adapted to meet this need. Mrs. Morgan Bowen, of 127 Twenty-ninth Street, N. E., Minneapolis, Minn., received great benefit from this treatment. She says: "When I was fifteen years old I went into a decline and my parents feared that I was going into consumption. I was sick for a year and was not able to do much of anything. I was pale and seemed slowly to lose my strength. A friend recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and before I used them long I was much improved. I gave the pills a thorough trial and was fully restored to health. My health has been good since, but I always keep Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the house and take them when I feel I need a tonic." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y. A copy of a useful booklet, "Building Up the Blood," will be sent free to anyone who writes for it.—Adv.

HOUSEHOLDERS GET COAL FIRST BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS LIKE THIS.



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POOR PEOPLE PICKING OVER ASH PILE FOR COAL.

When Dr. Harry A. Garfield, the Federal Fuel Administrator, issued his order of preferences in coal distribution his mind must have clearly pictured such scenes as this in many cities of the United States. Poor, driven here to the coal dumps, picking at ash dumps to retrieve what little coal was left there. This photograph drives home with force the gravity of the coal situation, which is perhaps not fully realized by many who have their bins filled. The officials are fully awake to the necessity of quick action, but their plans are being blocked by the intense cold and snow. Hundreds of women and children are picking ash dumps combing it finely for bits of the precious fuel. About three tons are averaged out of 500 tons of ashes. This photo shows a number of poor folks who started immediately to pick the ashes no sooner it was dumped. The picture was taken on the \$12,000,000 city-planned Courthouse site in New York City.

TREASON IS CHARGE

Paul C. Hennig on Trial for Mutilating Torpedo Gyroscopes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Paul C. Hennig, said to be the first person in the United States to face a charge of treason growing out of the war with Germany, went on trial in the Federal Court today.

Federal authorities allege that as foreman of the assembling department of the plant of E. W. Bliss & Co., Hennig, a naturalized American of German birth, "maliciously mutilated" parts of gyroscopes for use in torpedoes made for the United States Government.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Count Albrecht Montegles, who has been writing art criticisms for a Chicago newspaper, was arrested today on a Presidential warrant charging him with being a German enemy alien who is a menace to the United States. He will be interned, it is said, for the duration of the war.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Count Felix von Luckner, former commander of the German raider Seeadler, which enjoyed an adventurous career in the South Pacific until wrecked, has been captured again by British authorities before he escaped from his internment camp near Auckland, New Zealand, according to information brought here today by the master of a steamship which arrived from the South Pacific.

A party of 464 interned alien Germans, who have been detained at Angel Island here, left today for Hot Springs, N. C. for permanent internment. It was announced by Federal authorities.

The party contained one American citizen, a 2-week-old baby, born during his mother's stay on Angel Island; 16 women and 13 children.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Alleged efforts of Fred Jensen, San Francisco shipping man, to hide his connection with the steamer Maverick and the supposed mission of that vessel in supplying arms and ammunition to revolutionists in India, were outlined in the trial here today of 21 alleged agents of the revolutionists.

Evidence that a knocked-down submarine was placed aboard the Maverick before she left the harbor of San Pedro, Cal., supposedly for an Indian destination, was also introduced.

Further evidence that the Maverick carried \$10,000 for the use of the revolutionists was also introduced.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The transcript of an alleged confession by Ernest Becker, who with Franz von Hintel, a German naval officer, and 15 others is on trial here charged with conspiracy to place fire bombs on ships in New York harbor, was admitted in evidence today. Becker, who was deck electrician on the liner Friedrich der Grosse, which was moored in Hoboken during August, 1914, is said to have admitted having made the tubes which were used as fire bombs.

Case to Be Appealed. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—An appeal to the State Supreme Court is being perfected in the case of the

MILLMEN MEET TODAY

INCREASE IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Plan Would Provide Larger Representation of Oregon Lumbermen to Direct Affairs of Association.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—It is expected that Oregon manufacturers will be granted stronger representation on the board of trustees at the annual meeting and election of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association at the annual meeting tomorrow afternoon.

The association is endeavoring to increase the membership among the West Coast mills and plans for achieving this will be broached before the election of officers. Stockholders will be authorized to nominate one or more candidates for trustees.

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MARRIAGE DECLARED VOID

Eugene Couple, United Nine Years, Separated by Court.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Because they were first cousins and married in violation of the laws of Oregon, the marriage of Lulu Hayes and George Hayes, of Eugene, has been annulled by Judge C. F. Skipworth, of the Lane County Circuit Court.

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SUPPOSED CONVICT VISITS

Man Thought to Be Terrell Pope Demands Meal at Salem Home.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—A man supposed to be Terrell Pope, convict who escaped from the penitentiary Tuesday, entered the home of Frank Cook on Waller street here last night while Mrs. Cook was preparing supper, it became known today.

He demanded that she feed him and hurry the preparations. He remained after her husband came home, had supper with the family, chatted a few minutes and left.

NEW OIL SUITS ARE FILED

Government Starts Action to Recover Kern County Lands.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 24.—Three new Government suits to recover oil lands in Kern County, valued at a million dollars, under the Taft withdrawal act of 1904, were on file today in the United States District Court as part of the Government for title to much oil land and an accounting for the oil taken out.

Grays Harbor Men Off for Service. ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Three Grays Harbor lumbermen and loggers left for Washington, D. C., today to join the 20th Forestry Engineers, in which they have been commissioned as lieutenants. These men are Dan McGillicuddy, foreman of Wilson Brothers' camps at Independence; H. L. Dyer, planning mill foreman for the National Lumber Company, and H. L. Johnson head bookkeeper for the Clemons Logging Company.

MOTORISTS TO ORGANIZE

MEMBERS OF "SMART SET" TO FORM MOTOR SQUADRON.

Miss Helen Farrell, of Ambulance Service, Will Outline Plans at Meeting to Be Held at Liberty Shop.

Prominent Portland "members of the smart set," soon will be organized in a motor squadron.

The girls will meet tomorrow at the Liberty Shop, 104 Fifth street, to hear the plans and to begin the work. Miss Helen Farrell, who has spent four months in the ambulance service in Washington, will tell the girls what they will be expected to do. Mrs. Herman Cudlipp will be commandant and Miss Virginia Menefee, secretary of the local branch.

Others who have been invited to attend the meeting are the Misses Elizabeth Huber, Helen Wood, Margaret

COURTHOUSE WAR CENTER

Classification of Registrants Keeps Oregon City Board Busy.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The work of classification of registrants goes on steadily. Last night about 50 classifications were made by the local board.

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PRO-GERMAN IS ARRESTED

Grants Pass Man Too Free in Criticism of United States.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Fred Wickman was arrested here today charged with pro-German utterances. It is claimed that Wickman has been very free in criticism of the United States' entrance into the war. He has been a resident of Grants Pass for nearly 20 years and is sexton of the cemetery here.

Henry Bacher, who was arrested Wednesday for alleged seditious utterances, is out on \$1000 bail and will have a hearing tomorrow before United States Commissioner Herbert Smith.

AUSTRIAN TALKS TOO MUCH

30 Years' Service in U. S. Army Not Sufficient to Produce Loyalty.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Antone Salvagno, a native of

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THE CLOTHING SITUATION IN THE SPOTLIGHT. A Friend of Mine Writes From New York. "Sixty per cent of the woolen mills of the United States are working on war contracts. It is estimated that from 10% to 15% of the mills are either out of worsted and woolen yarns, tied up by labor shortages, or out of fuel, and that the other 25% or 30% of the mills will be the only available means of furnishing woolsens for the clothing trade."