

PACKING REGULATION HIT ON ALL SIDES

Farmers, Butchers, Dealers,
Stockers Oppose.

CONSUMER GETS BLAME

People Insist on High Prices and
"Better Goods," Says Witness
in Senate Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Federal regulation of the packing industry, proposed by the Kenyon and Kendrick bills now on hearing before the senate agriculture committee, found neither friends nor advocates in the long list of witnesses who aired their views today. Though those testifying came from points all the way between Missouri and Georgia and their occupations ran the gamut from farmers, through feeders, stockers, retail butchers and dealers in produce, and while their opinions as to the reason and responsibility of high costs of living were diverse and occasionally most forcefully put, all insisted that the packers should be let alone. Interference with them, the tenor of the statements ran, would be dangerous to the consumer and everybody else.

"Plumb Tired of Regulation." "We've had governmental control of railroads and telephones and telegraphs until we are plumb worn out, and we don't want any more," W. P. Carpenter, stock feeder of Tarkio, Mo., assured the committee. "I'm in favor of the man who can produce the cheapest thing ahead as far as he can. That is the way to cut down the cost of living."

Thomas Dunn, a St. Louis meat dealer, aired an unusual view of the situation when he said: "People want to pay high prices, because they think they are getting better stuff."

"These hearings will help get the fool ideas out of their heads," he added, while the committee laughed.

No Retail Profiters, he Claimed. Dunn defended the retailers. They are hard-working people, calling themselves what other people won't use," he said. "There is not a retail food profiteer in the country."

"Everybody knows about food prices. Your wives and daughters can't be fooled into paying more."

"Well, do you think they are satisfied with present food prices?" asked Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa.

"If they are not they ought to be," Dunn told him. "The trouble is they want to pay more. They tell me to get finer cuts of meat by paying five cents more a pound at certain shops. I can show you places where things like canned goods vary several cents a can in St. Louis, and you find the man who charges the most sells the most."

Working People Easiest Marks. "They rather like high prices, then?" Senator Kenyon asked.

"They do. The working people are the worst offenders. They absolutely won't have anything but the finest and best. The only good investigation can do is to make these people think and get the fool ideas about food out of their heads."

The five big packers are not monopolizing anything, or "trading anybody," and need no regulation, Dunn said.

"Well, if the five should get 100 per cent of the business," Senator Harrison, democrat, Ohio, asked, "would you want them regulated?"

"Oh, that stuff," he exclaimed. "You want to do business on facts, not on 'ifs' and 'ands'."

"I understand most of this committee are farmers," Dunn continued. "I want to learn something. A bullock's carcass costs \$75 more today than it did five years ago. What I want to know is, who gets that extra \$70. The farmer? I'm the glib that pays the \$70 and I'd like to know."

Farmer Accused of Getting It. "It isn't the packer, I'm sure, because I've seen his books, and because if they were getting it Rockefeller and all those rich men would be in the packing business they are in and go to packing."

Dunn's own conclusion about it, he said, was that the farmer got the \$70. Another Missourian, E. M. Anderson, representing shippers and farmers, presented objections to the legislation for packer regulation.

"The farmer, after a long period of hanging on by eyelashes," he continued, "is at last coming into his own. Present prices are remunerative and make us a little money. We don't want the present system of transportation and marketing livestock interfered with."

"As to the cost of high living we differ from this St. Louis man and if there is any profiteering, you'll find the retailer is responsible, and not the packer."

When Chairman Gronna said "at least 3000 people want to be heard on this subject," the committee ruled to restrict each witness to 15 minutes.

PLANS MAY BE CHANGED

President May Greet Pershing and Not Review Fleet.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Wilson may go to New York to greet General Pershing on his arrival home next month, it was indicated today at the White House.

The president had been expected to review the Pacific fleet at San Francisco at about the time General Pershing will return from France, but White House officials would not say whether his plans for welcoming the fleet had been abandoned. They insisted, however, that he had not given up the idea of a speaking tour over the country in the interest of the peace treaty.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—General John J. Pershing, who has been visiting the Italian battle front, returned here today.

DISQUE ALLEGED UNFAIR

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Also, that General Disque very frankly stated that he had favored the Deep Creek route to Callam county spruce prior to talking with President Byram, of the Callam, Milwaukee and St. Paul road and that the latter had cast a doubt upon the advisability of taking that course to the spruce area.

Later, General Disque testified, according to the Ray report, a conference was held in Seattle to discuss the route to be taken. There were present at that time, officials and engineers of the Milwaukee road, officials of the Selma-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh company, which later built the road, and officials and engineers of the spruce production division. Among the party was an engineer of the Union Pacific system, Mr. Roberts, who had been sent to make a special report.

The decision to build via Joyce and Crescent Lake to Lake Pleasant was made at that time, said General Disque, after a lengthy session in which arguments were presented for both routes. The Ray report does not criticize this action or suggest any overt influence.

GRANT COUNTY ASKS BIDS

BRIDGE TO BE BUILT ON JOHN DAY HIGHWAY.

ROAD WARRANTS TO AMOUNT OF \$35,000, Payable in Ten Years to Be Issued in Lieu of Bonds.

CANYON CITY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Bids are being advertised for concrete piers and for a bridge to be built over the Canyon creek at John Day on the John Day highway. Bids are also being asked for the grading of two miles of highway from Canyon creek to a point west on the R. Danby place. These bids will be received by the county court of Grant county until September 3.

Grant county has decided to issue road warrants in lieu of bonds. These warrants will be for \$35,000 and will run ten years or less. They bear interest at 5 per cent, and will be on sale on September 3.

The road from Canyon City to John Day is to be graded and straightened. This road is the most traveled road in the county and it is claimed to be the worst in bad weather.

There is considerable adverse comment that the work on the John Day highway is being done in sections. Portions of the work are practically finished and are in good condition, but the road between these finished portions is in very bad shape for travel in some places.

COAL SITUATION ACUTE

CONDITION IN GERMANY SAID TO CONSTITUTE MENACE.

Demands of Allies for Annual Levy of 40,000,000 Tons Said to Mean Ruin.

ESSEN, Thursday, Aug. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—A commission of experts appointed by the German government to investigate economic conditions and working hours in the coal fields has completed its examination of the Rhenish district.

Herr Kloeckner, one of the leading Rhenish industrialists, informed the commission the nation was facing an economic catastrophe. He said that, if the stipulated levy of 40,000,000 tons of coal was reduced one-half, Germany was heading toward ruin, as the country cannot dispense 20,000,000 tons annually.

Herr Kloeckner believes the reduction in working time in all industrial lines has proven disastrous to the nation. He said that the coal industry, which has greatly curtailed output in all branches of industry.

BELGIAN VIEW REJECTED

Dutch Firm on Scheidt Question; Appeal May Be Made to U. S.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The reply of the Dutch government to the statement of Belgium in connection with the revision of the treaty of 1935 was placed before the commission charged with the decision today.

It is learned on good authority an agreement in the case is as remote as ever. The viewpoint of the Dutch, it is said, is firmly against the desires of Belgium.

The situation may call for a rejoinder by the Belgians in that case, it is forecast, they will appeal especially to the Americans on the ground that the situation of Belgium with Holland controlling both banks of the Scheldt is like that of the middle western United States when France held the mouth of the Mississippi.

CITY IS CAUGHT NAPPING

Vancouver Citizens Buy Posters But Will Not Welcome Fleet.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A poster, "Pacific Fleet, Welcome to Our City," sold by a man in a soldier's uniform, were sold to Vancouver citizens who were caught unaware today. The poster also bore pictures of the battleships Tacoma, Seattle, New York, President Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Admiral Rodman.

As the fleet will not visit this city, the posters will not visit the city, the plan was made to the sheriff's office, but the man had left the city.

LABOR PARTY MEETING SET

Thousands of Organizations to Be Represented in Chicago Nov. 2.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 22.—The national convention of the newly formed national labor party will be held in Chicago on Saturday, November 22.

Delegates representing several thousand labor organizations from all parts of the country will be in attendance, Max Hayes, chairman of the executive committee of the new party, announced here.

STRIKERS' TERMS STATED

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About 60 switchmen employed in the Santa Fe division yards here went out on strike today in sympathy with the Pacific Electric railway men now on strike. While there was no official confirmation, it was said that the strikers called out all members of the "big four" brotherhoods in southern California were probable.

Pacific County Plans History.

RAYMOND, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A number of citizens of Pacific county are planning the organization of a historical society to preserve the history of the county. Citizens who took active part in war work organization and who had some in the service are joining in a call for a meeting to effect such an organization.

FOREIGN COMMERCE DECLARED IN DANGER

Extension of Credits Asked to Cover European Buying.

TRADE REACTION IS FEARED

Senator Owen Asks President for Aid—Latest Figures Show Import Increase.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Wilson has been urged in a letter from Senator Owen, Oklahoma, ranking democratic member of the senate commerce committee, to take steps to protect the foreign commerce of the United States and bring about an extension of credits to cover European purchases. The letter as inserted in the record also proposed that means be provided to pass upon the validity of European securities offered for sale in the United States.

"Unless immediate steps are taken," Senator Owen said, "to accomplish these results, I fear a serious business reaction will take place in the United States by cutting off a large part of our foreign market for our surplus products. The danger is that the reduction in the elimination of excess profits artificially placed upon goods and they should not come down by cutting down the wages paid to labor."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Foreign trade of the United States came nearer reaching a balance during July than it has in any month in several years, the department of commerce announced today, owing to an increase in imports and a sharp reduction in exports. Imports valued at \$45,000,000 entered American ports, total exceeding the amount brought to the United States during any previous month in history.

Exports valued at \$35,000,000 from the high figure of June, but amounted to \$370,000,000. For the seven months ended with July exports totaled \$4,615,000,000, while imports amounted to \$1,955,000,000 for the period.

SIX-DAY BRIDEGROOM SUES

Wife Declared to Have Married 85-Year-Old for His Money.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The suit of Edward Ebert, 85-year-old bridegroom of San Jose, asking a divorce from his 70-year-old bride of six days, Mary Ebert, was filed today. According to the husband's complaint, his wife married him for the \$25,000 property which she alleges he possesses.

Eleven days after their meeting at the house of a friend, they were married. Her representations, he alleges, were made to him by the wife's mother, who said she would give him \$25,000 if he would marry her. He said that she would compel him to give her some of his money and property.

JOY RIDES IN AIR PROMISED

Citizens of The Dalles May Make Flights Next Week.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The Medford Aircraft corporation will bring their Curtiss plane to The Dalles next week for commercial flights in the city, according to Burton Craig who was in the city this morning getting bookings for the airplane.

The Portland plane which is now showing in the valley, will not be here according to a letter from Lyle McCord, the advertiser, who said that he considered it too dangerous to attempt to cross the mountains with so much smoke in the air.

The Medford plane is piloted by Former Lieutenants B. Jones and Floyd Hart, both of whom were cited for bravery during their period of service in France. Hart has three German planes to his credit.

BOLIVIA SEEKING PORT

Heated Controversy Is Waging Over Demand From Chile.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 22.—A heated political controversy is in progress in Bolivia concerning the Bolivian demand for an outlet to the Pacific, which was placed before the peace conference, but no action has been taken. The republican party is urging that the government ask for the immediate cessation of a seaport. The government, however, apparently prefers to wait until the question over the province of Tacna and Arica between Chile and Peru is settled.

In the meantime Bolivia is using Africa and Antofagasta as free trade ports under agreements with Chile.

A large element among Chilean politicians and business men favors conceding a sea outlet to Bolivia after the war.

VINTON SIGNS EXTRADITION

Acting Governor's First Official Act Is to Forward Papers.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The first official act of W. T. Vinton, acting-governor of Oregon, was that of signing of requisition papers to be served Governor Stephens of California, looking toward the extradition of Charles White, who is wanted in Portland on a charge of forgery.

White is under arrest at Oakland, Cal. Mr. Vinton will serve as acting-governor, pending the return of Governor Olcott, who is attending the conference of western governors at Salt Lake City, Utah.

VANCOUVER WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Almer Thompson Succumbs on 73d Birthday.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Almer Thompson, whose home is at Thirtieth and U streets, died today on her 73d birthday anniversary. Mrs. Thompson was born in Indiana and had lived 72 years.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock from the Fourth Plain church.

DOCTOR SUES 'NOSY' WIFE

Tab on Women Patients and Nature of Affliction Also Alleged.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Charming young office girls are a forbidden luxury in the handsome suite of offices maintained by Dr. Charles E. Moores, physician and surgeon, in the Timber Exchange building.

Dr. Moores, in an application for divorce proceeding, declared Mrs. Moores insisted that he employ only men assistants.

In order, he says, that she may be at all times in close touch with his business affairs, Mrs. Moores keeps the keys to the office and insists upon knowing when women call for consultation and the nature of their affliction.

On professional calls, complains the doctor, his wife always accompanies him, and once, just to "show what she could do if she wanted to," flourished a gun in his presence in wild west fashion and fired a bullet through a window.

Two revolvers and a "blackjack" are always near at hand, he says, and ready for action.

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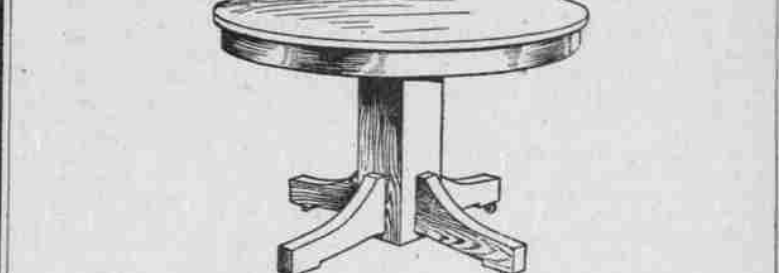
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