



## PACKERS TO SELL SUBSIDIARY LINES

## Government Anti-Trust Action Compromised.

## VAST INTERESTS GIVEN UP

## Big Five to Continue Meat Business Alone.

## DECREE IS SWEEPING ONE

## Agreement Provides for Disposition of Stockyards, Terminals and Other Side Properties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The government's anti-trust action against the great meat packers, begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree, to which the packers have acceded, will be entered in the federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the big five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed to divorce their meat-packing industries from their other commercial activities and to sell their holdings in public stockyards and terminals, market newspapers and similar "side lines."

Two years are given to comply with the decree, which affects 87 corporations and 49 individuals.

**Market Control Ended.**

"In general," said Attorney-General Palmer's official announcement tonight, "this decree prevents the defendants from exercising any further control over the marketing of live stock. It forever prevents them from any control over the retailing of meat products. It eliminates them from the field of meat stockyards and their exception of eggs, butter, poultry and cheese, which are left for future consideration and action; and therefore the price of meat is within the control of the people themselves. It places the conduct of these great aggregations of capital immediately under the eye of a federal court with references to their business practices."

"But greater than all, it establishes the principle that no group of men, no matter how powerful, can ever attempt to control the food table of the American people or any one of the necessities or component parts of it."

**Meat Deal Accomplished.**

"The department of justice, having in mind the necessities and interests of the whole American people in this critical reconstruction period, feels that by insisting upon this surrender on the part of the defendants it has accomplished more for the American people than could have been hoped for as the result of a long drawn out legal battle."

While Mr. Palmer views the packers' submission to the government's contentions as a "surrender," Henry Veder, counsel for Swift & Co., announced that the step was taken as the suggestion of the department of justice, to avoid any appearance of antagonizing the government and to remove causes of friction with livestock producers and food distributors. Emphatically, Mr. Veder stated that the decree was not to be construed as an admission that Swift & Company had violated any law.

**Law Violation Denied.**

"The company feels that the same spirit which caused the business men of the country to submit to personal sacrifices to win the war," he said, "is just as essential during this period of reconstruction as then, and therefore, it meets the request of the government for the sacrifice of its own interests. The company has consented to the decree as a result of an injunction only upon the expressed condition that it should in no way be construed as an admission that it violated any law of the United States."

Attorney-General Palmer said the overtures for a compromise came first from the packers, after the department had placed its evidence before a grand jury in Chicago.

The attitude of Morris & Company was expressed by M. W. Borders, general counsel, who said the firm had consented to the decree "in the spirit of true Americanism."

**Good Faith Is Claimed.**

"We gave up certain legal rights and made certain business sacrifices in order to meet the views of the government," he continued, "and forever set at rest the fear of monopoly of the American table by the packers. In this period of reconstruction and unrest we desired to promote confidence, co-operation and stable conditions."

Bills proposing government regulation of the packing industry now before the senate agriculture committee will not be handled as a result of the measure, announced tonight.

"The attorney-general's victory is merely a step, though a very long one, toward the goal we have been seeking to attain," said Mr. Kendrick. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

## TACOMA LINES WANT TEN-CENT CARFARE

## RAILWAY COMPANY FILES NEW RATE WITH COMMISSION.

## Three-Cent Increase May Be Fought by City—Statement Showing Necessity Is Prepared.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—The Tacoma Railway & Power company this afternoon gave notice of an increase in street-car fares here to 10 cents beginning January 1st.

The new rate was filed with the state public service commission together with a statement as to its necessity. It was declared that the present fare, 7 cents, does not bring in sufficient revenue to meet operating expenses at this condition and the system was pictured as being in a bad state.

## City Officials Were Surprised at the 2-cent increase, but it could not be attacked at the city hall whether or not a fight will be made to keep the higher fare from going into effect. It was presumed, however, that the city will protest.

An increase from 5 to 7 cents, despite a state law which at that time limited street railway fares to 5 cents, was granted the traction company a year ago after an investigation by a public committee of 25. The law limiting fares has since been repealed.

## STOWAWY WEDS AT SEA

## Ledea Guilbon Becomes Bride of Member of Slocum Crew.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Her experiences as a stowaway on the army transport tug Slocum and her wedding on the high seas to Sydney James Love, a member of the Slocum's engine crew, were being told by Senora Ledea Guilbon Love of Salina Cruz, Mexico, to friends here today, following the arrival of the Slocum.

## Recruits to Be Sought

Love was taken sick at Salina Cruz and Senorita Ledea Guilbon nursed him back to health. She is an orphan. He stowed her away on the Slocum and when the captain discovered her, the wedding took place.

## WAR DEPARTMENT TO OPEN EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The war department on January 1 will inaugurate a three-months' advertising campaign in public stockyards and terminals and in 400 cities of the country where auxiliary army recruiting stations are located. It was announced here today.

## DISASTER BLAME UNFIXED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 18.—The mine court jury before which John J. Dempsey, former superintendent of the New York Consolidated Railway company, was tried for manslaughter in connection with the Malbone-street tunnel wreck in Brooklyn a year ago when nearly 90 persons lost their lives, was discharged today.

## Belgium Rejects Pact

French and British Conditional Guarantees Refused.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 18.—The Belgian government has categorically refused a proposition submitted last week by France and Great Britain guaranteeing Belgian territorial integrity for five years on condition that Belgium observe strict neutrality during that period.

## NEW DIVIDEND DECLARED

Marine Company Makes Deferred Payment on Preferred Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The International Mercantile Marine company today declared an extra dividend of five years on account of deferred dividends on preferred stock, reducing the accumulated back dividends due to 47 per cent.

## JAPAN TO MAKE PROTEST

Chinese Reported to Be Molesting Women and Children.

TOKYO, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The spread of anti-Japanese agitation in China, with reported incidents of the molestation of Japanese, including women and children, by the Chinese was the subject of discussion by the cabinet today.

## NON-STOP PILOT INJURED

Plane of Captain John Alcock Crashes in Normandy.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Captain Sir John Alcock, who made the first non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic ocean, has been seriously injured according to a Lloyd's dispatch from Rouen.

## PRESIDENT FOSTER OF REED RESIGNS

## Election as Los Angeles School Head Forecast.

## COLLEGE TRUSTEES ACCEPT

## Statement Also Announces Increase in Board.

## 11 MEMBERS PROVIDED

## Administrative Committee Will Assume Duties Until Successor Is Selected.

Formal announcement of the resignation of Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed college, was made last night by the board of trustees, in a statement saying that the resignation had been accepted and will become effective at the end of the present month.

It is understood that President Foster, who is now in Los Angeles, will be elected to the superintendency of the public schools of that city, although members of the board, in a statement issued yesterday, said the selection had not been made and criticized the newspapers for what is termed an attempt to make an appointment over the board's head.

## Resignation Is Surprised.

News of Dr. Foster's resignation came as a surprise to Reed college and to Portland, though the first intimation, when the word was received with incredulity, was contained in Los Angeles reports which said that the Reed college president was a receptive candidate for the city superintendency of schools.

## Board to Be Increased.

Another definite change in the policy of administration was announced in the statement issued yesterday by the board of trustees. Henceforth the board of five trustees, as named in the will of Mrs. Simeon G. Reed, will be broadened to a board of trustees consisting of 11 members, including the five original trustees.

## NAVY HERO SHIP AFLOAT

## Destroyer Ausburn Launched to Honor Radio Operator.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18.—The destroyer Ausburn, one of the few vessels in the navy named for non-commissioned officers, was launched today at the Squantum plant of the Bethlehem Steel corporation. Mrs. Della Ausburn of New York, sister-in-law of C. L. Ausburn, chief electrician, for whom the destroyer was named, was sponsor.

## SECRETARY BAKER: "DON'T WORRY, MR. PRESIDENT; I WILL NOT DESERT YOU!"



## OIL WAREHOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

## TANK CONTAINING 52,000 GALLONS THREATENED.

## Loss at Kendall Station \$12,000; Wind Aids Firemen in Saving Steel Structures.

Three steel tanks containing about 52,000 gallons of gasoline, kerosene and distillate, were threatened late yesterday by fire which destroyed the Kendall station warehouse of the Union Oil company of California, with a loss estimated at \$12,000. The warehouse was filled with cases and barrels of lubricating oil.

## ICE JAM TEARS OUT BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

## FIVE MONTHS' WORK ON COLUMBIA HIGHWAY WIPED OUT.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—An ice jam, behind which the combined force of the Deschutes, has ripped out the false work on the new Columbia highway bridge, in course of construction, and sent it down the river, according to word reaching this city today. The false work represents five months' work and an outlay of approximately \$5000. New false work will be constructed in the spring.

## IRISH QUESTION RAISED

## British National Party to Push New Motion.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The national party in the house of commons has given notice of a motion on the Irish question reading as follows:

"The house, in view of the fact that the Sinn Fein organization has made it abundantly clear that it will not accept any form of home rule retaining the sovereign powers of the government at Westminster, declines to proceed with legislation which cannot be acceptable to any considerable section of opinion in Ireland, and calls upon the government to enforce law and order in that country."

## CANADIAN PAPER DEARER

## Controller to Raise Price From \$69 to \$80 Per Ton.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 18.—The price of news print paper in Canada is to be raised to \$80 per ton, f. o. b. mill, January 1, according to an announcement made today by Paper Controller Pringle.

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## Court Orders Recess When Women Spectators Become Hysterical; Girl's Condition Shown.

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Mrs. Lesser entered the room on crutches, aided by detectives. She was helped into the witness stand. She sobbed for a short time before gaining sufficient composure to testify.

Mrs. Lesser testified that her daughter was in her twentieth year at the time of her death, and that she had been courted for some months by New. They had been fellow employees at a Los Angeles business house. New and Miss Lesser frequently went on long automobile trips and sometimes Mrs. Lesser and a neighbor woman accompanied them.

Two days before the alleged murder, Mrs. Lesser said, New told her he wished to marry her daughter the day which afterward proved the last of her life. She urged him to wait, she said, but he insisted that he desired to marry as quickly as possible.

On the day after this conversation, according to the witness, she, her daughter, a neighbor woman and New went on an automobile ride, returning to the Lesser home in the afternoon. New and Miss Lesser then left again and that was the last Mrs. Lesser saw of her daughter, she said.

"He seemed to love her and I know she loved him," said Mrs. Lesser. "He said he would bring her back to me, but he never did."

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Under cross-examination, Mrs. Lesser said New always had been kind to her daughter and also had been very considerate of the witness.

"I never saw a nicer young man," she said. "I had every confidence in him."

Mrs. Lesser was preceded on the stand by E. A. Davidson, a police detective. The witness said he was on duty, acting as desk sergeant at central police station here on the morning of July 5, when the defendant entered and handed him a revolver.

No effort was made to introduce confessions New is alleged to have made to Davidson and others. Davidson said he and another police officer and two newspaper men went outside and saw within a closed automobile in which New had driven to the station the body of a young woman he afterward learned was Freda Lesser.

It is the theory of the prosecution that New killed his sweetheart in Topanga canyon, a few miles from here, in a burst of anger because of her refusal to marry him, and then drove with the body beside him to the police station to surrender.

**Defendant Is Indifferent.**

The first prosecution witness was Dr. A. F. Wagner, county autopsy surgeon. He testified an examination had shown Miss Lesser to be become a mother and also described the bullet wound which caused death.

New's demeanor during the day was unchanged for the most part. He maintained his air of indifference and looked neither at the witness nor the jury, except on one occasion.

This was when the bullet with which he is alleged to have killed Miss Lesser was introduced in evidence and passed from one juror to another for examination. He glanced at the jurors as they bent over the bit of lead and seemed somewhat affected.

The attendance today was larger than on previous days.

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## PORTLAND FIRM BUYS STEEL SHIP SURPLUS

## M. BARDE & SONS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AT AUCTION.

## Junked Iron and Steel Valued at \$11,000,000 to \$21,000,000 Involved in Transaction.

M. Barde & Sons, Incorporated, Portland wholesale firm dealing in steel and machinery, yesterday purchased at public auction at Philadelphia the entire supply of steel plates, anchors, bars, chains and other equipment left over from steel shipbuilding throughout the United States, according to a telegram received by J. N. Barde, president of the firm, last night.

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## National Legislation Outcome of Centralia Murders.

## WASHINGTON TAKES LEAD

Representatives, Stirred by Possibility of Berger's Re-election, to Deny Seat Again.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—More membership of any alien in the Industrial Workers of the World shall be sufficient grounds for his deportation when the house completes its work Saturday on a bill by Representative Albert Johnson of Washington, which is the result of the murder of four war veterans at Centralia, Wash., on November 11.

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