

PACKER'S METHODS SCORED BY HOOVER Confidential Report to President Public. COMPETITION IS "AVOIDED" Growing and Dangerous Domination in Handling of Foodstuffs Charged in Investigation.

NEW YORK, April 1.—A confidential report to President Wilson by Herbert Hoover in which the food administrator accuses his position on control of the Chicago packing industry, was made public tonight by the Hoover national republicans club with the announcement that the president has directed its publication. The announcement stated that the report, dated September 11, 1913, was made six months ago, in response to President Wilson's request for Mr. Hoover's observations in recommendation of the federal trade commission with regard to the five large packing firms.

"I scarcely need to repeat the views that I expressed to you nearly a year ago, that there is here a growing and dangerous domination of the handling of the nation's foodstuffs," the report said. Mr. Hoover said he did not feel that the government "should undertake the solution of the problem by the temporary authority conferred under the war powers of the railway and food administration," but rather that it "should be laid before congress for searching consideration, exhaustive debate and development of public opinion, just as has been necessary in the development of the public interest in our banks, insurance companies and railways."

Underlying Economics Viewed. The report reviewed the "underlying economic" of the growth of the packing industry and with regard to the packers' control of refrigeration operations, said: "Provision of stockyards and car services have naturally fallen in considerable degree to the larger and more wealthy packers who have used their advantages as in effect a special and largely exclusive railway privilege with which to build up their own business."

Entirely aside from the question of conspiracy to eliminate competition, the report said the packers "entirely avoided such competition to a considerable extent," and power is in their hands "to fixate prices by mere refusal to buy." The economic efficiency of these businesses "in the period of competitive upgrowth," the report did not question, but believed "as time goes on this efficiency cannot fail to diminish and all monopolies begin to defend itself by repression rather than by efficiency."

The worst social result of this growth in the period of competitive upgrowth, the report said, was the undermining of the initiative and the equal opportunity of our people and the tyranny which monopolies begin to follow in the commercial world. "If the government acquires the railways it would appear to me that it should, in the name of the public interest, acquire the yards," he added. Absolute assurance to the food trades that terminal facilities would allow any manufacturer or dealer in any food product equal opportunity to handle and store his goods pending final distribution was needed, he said. The usefulness of public, wholesale and retail markets "is a matter of great division of opinion," he believed, and added: "The most predominant feeling in the independent trader is that if sites can be made available, adjacent to railway facilities, the trades themselves would solve the matter."

Discussing the great centralization of the industry as a cause of decline in slaughter near many large cities and towns, he said: "If proper abattoirs could be extended near the larger towns, possibly with municipal help, and the operations therein carried on under the same conditions, I believe they could not only succeed, but would greatly stimulate the local production of meat animals."

Equal Opportunity Urged. "One effect would be a great stabilization of prices by a wider based market than that which is dependent upon a small group of buyers." In summation, I believe that the ultimate solution of this problem is to be obtained by assuring equal opportunity in transportation, equal opportunity in the location of manufacturing sites and of terminal sites, and the limitation of the activities of these businesses. In this situation I believe that the 30 minor meat-packing establishments in the hundreds of other food preservers could successfully expand their interstate activities and that local slaughter would increase with economic gain to the community, and all through continued competition constantly improve our methods of packing and distributing processes to the advantage of both producer and consumer.

The detailed methods, except in the manifest case of car and stockyard control, require much more thought."

TICKET LACKS ONE MAN Clackamas Legislative Candidates Too Few for Vacancies.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—The legislative ring is still one bit short in Clackamas county, for only two men have made known their intention to become candidates for representative, M. J. Lee of Canby and William M. Stone, Oregon city attorney, who said today he would be candidate. Philip L. Hammond has given up the idea of running for the house of representatives. Others mentioned as prospective candidates are E. W. Bartlett of Estacada and E. P. Carter, who served one term as representative. County Judge Anderson, whose term expires in January, and John E. Cole of Molalla are being urged to run. Clackamas has three seats in the house of representatives.

DRUG TRAFFIC ALLEGED Addict System and Yenshee Supplied Prisoners.

Charges that an organized traffic in morphine and yenshee prevails in Multnomah county jail were made before federal officials yesterday by Calvin Hawkins, 21, telling his arrest for the alleged passing of two grains of morphine to Mrs. Josephine Graham of 324 East Third street.

CARMEN FACE CUT IN WAGE, IS RUMOR Trolley Company to Open Scale Agreement.

WORKERS AGAINST MOVE Report Current That Corporation Would Make Up Million Dollar Deficit.

CHURCH SOCIETY ELECTS PRESBYTERIANS OF DISTRICT HOLD MEETING.

Mrs. J. W. McMichael Chosen President—Gathering Attended by 600.

About 600 persons attended the all-day session of the Portland Presbyterian church, held yesterday in the First Presbyterian church, and 600 were present the preceding night at the young people's rally. The meeting was for the purpose of hearing reports and electing officers. Mrs. J. W. McMichael was elected president of the organization, which covers all of this section of the state.

Under the provisions of the wage agreement, operative to April 30, the same would continue in effect unless either the carmen or the company gave 30 days' notice of intent to alter, prior to the date of expiration. The maximum award of the board of arbitration was \$2 cents an hour for platform men, the rate now being paid.

Reduced Wage Is Aim. Concerning the latest phase of the streetcar situation, prominent union officials say that the company intends to reopen the agreement on the date of expiration, with the view of negotiating with the men for a reduced wage scale to aid in curtailing operating expenses.

ITALY VOTES CONFIDENCE SENATOR ATTACKS CABINET IN OPPOSITION SPEECH.

Premier Nitti Spiritually Defends Government and Alleges Flame Eas Well.

ROME, April 1.—The senate today, after an address by Premier Nitti on the government program, adopted a vote of confidence in the government. The vote was 107 to 11. The senate then began a discussion of the general policy of the cabinet. Senator Mazzotti made a strong speech in opposition, declaring he did not consider the present cabinet able to cope with the grave situation of the country.

Belgium Refuses Food Former Dictator on Hunger Strike to Gain Freedom.

VIENNA, April 1.—Bela Kun, the former Hungarian dictator, and his associates, who are under detention in Austria, have gone on a hunger strike to enforce their demands for liberation. The Austrian government has refused to meet their demands, talking the ground that would be unable to guarantee their safety.

Rotarians to Give Souvenirs. Rotarians attending the northwest conference at Victoria, B. C., next week will receive beautiful Portland souvenirs in the form of sets of four colored prints of Oregon scenes.

Portland Has No Unemployed. Portland is not faced with an unemployment situation and any man wishing to work can be accommodated, according to Arthur W. Jones, director of the municipal employment bureau. According to the monthly report filed by Director Jones with Commissioner Bigelow, in charge of the bureau, 3258 applicants in the men's department were furnished with work during the month of March. According to Mr. Jones, the work on railroads, general construction and in mills brings the demand for labor practically equal to the supply.

Authorities Will Speak. The meeting of the City club at the crystal room, Benson hotel, at 12:15 o'clock today will be devoted to a hearing of the aims and principles of the Land and Labor League, from two authorities on the subject—F. E. Coulter and Otto Hartwig. This is a new movement which all citizens should understand and a full attendance is expected.

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fees instead of 80 cents, and \$1 an acre provided for in the Central Oregon irrigation contracts with the individual settlers.

SUGAR FIRMS UNDER FIRE CONSPIRACY IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE ALLEGED.

Prosecution in Utah Case to Seek to Establish Proof of False Statements.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 1.—That it will be the aim of the federal trade commission to prove that the Utah-Idaho Sugar company and the Amalgamated Sugar company have conspired unfairly to hamper independent sugar companies in Utah and Idaho in their efforts while engaged in interstate commerce, was declared by Henry Ward Beers, special attorney for the commission, who opened the hearing of the complaint against the sugar companies before Judge Dunham, examiner, today.

POINDEXTER IS OPOSED Washington University Regent Urges Senator Be Dropped.

TACOMA, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—John A. Rea, regent of the University of Washington, urged that Senator Poindexter be dropped as a republican presidential possibility. He urged this at a General Wood luncheon given in Tacoma today. It was attended by 50 Wood supporters, who lauded the general as a man who would get things done.

DIVORCED WOMAN LOST Message by Telephone Followed by Mysterious Disappearance.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—Mrs. Dorothy Otto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Church, left their home about 6 o'clock last night, and has not been heard of since. It is thought that despondency over the separation from her husband, who has the custody of their 6-year-old daughter, may have led the young woman to commit suicide, or may have deranged her mind.

SENATOR'S FRIENDS BUSY Plans Being Made for Poindexter Rallies in Oregon.

Friends of Senator Poindexter who formerly lived in the state of Washington and who came into direct contact with him personally have called a meeting for Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 P. M. at the Poindexter headquarters in the Morgan building, room 635. They will lay plans for the coming of Senator Poindexter to the state of Oregon and arrange for his reception.

HEARING AT BEND OPENS TESTIMONY TAKEN ON IRRIGATION CONTROVERSY.

BEND, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Four years ago the Central Oregon Irrigation company denied the right of the state public service commission to interfere with the conduct of its business, while attorneys for the settlers on the project asked that the commission prevent discrimination in the delivery of water and enforce proper maintenance. Today these positions were reversed when Fred A. Campbell, one of the forces, members of the commission, opened in Bend the hearing of the application of the company to be allowed to charge \$2.50 an acre maintenance

ART AWARDS ARE MADE Oregon University Extension Students Win Recognition.

Several students taking extension work in architecture from the University of Oregon have received awards in New York by the jury of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design. Three problems on "A Mountain Hunting Lodge" were given in March and the following received recognition: Thayne Logan, first mention placed; A. Gambell, first mention; A. G. Stanton, mention.

"WE HAVE NEVER FOUGHT WOMEN & CHILDREN" Herbert Hoover

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Appeal for German Children The Friends are working in close co-operation with the European Children's Fund, which is giving one supplementary meal each day to nearly 3,000,000 children in nine countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

"Gravest Food Crisis Will Be in March, April & May" (Cable from Friends Unit, Jan. 30, 1920)

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To Break Up a Cold Mrs. William Ackerman, Collinsville, Ill., writes: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will break up a cold on the lungs the quickest of anything I know of."

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