GOVERNMENT TURNS Your ON "BUTTER TRUST"

Conspiracy to Fix Prices to Detriment of Farmer and Consumer Alleged.

DISSOLUTION IS INTENDED

Attorney-General Wickersham Asserts Elgin Board of Trade and Creamery Manufacturers Arc in . Agreement.

CHICAGO, III., Dec. 14.—Charging a conspiracy to fix arbitrarily the price of butter in the interest of big manufacturers and cold storage concerns, and to the detriment of the farmen, other small producers, and the consuming public, the Gederal Government today began a civil anti-trust suit against the Elgin Board of Trade, otherwise known as the "butter Irust," and the American Association of Creamery Manufacturers. An attempt will be made to dissolve the so-called trust, which Attorney-General Wickersham alleges is a violation of the Sherman law.

law.

The Government's petition in equity declares that butter making has drifted to the large manufacturers, the natural increase in the volume of business has been curtailed, and prices to the people have been enhanced, especially during the Winter, by the operations of the "conspirators."

Twenty-four Are Defendants. The following are named as defend-

Elgin Board of Trade; Charles H.
Potter, Elgin, Ill.; H. C. Christians,
Richfield, Wis.; J. P. Mason, Elgin;
Colvin W. Brown, Elgin; A. C. Hawley, Jerseyville, Ill.; American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers (unincorporated) and 17 individuals
in different cities, including Duluth,
Minn., Omaha and Kansas City.

The bill is signed by Attorney-General Wickersham, James A. Fowler,
assistant to the Attorney-General;
United States Attorney Wilkerson, for
Chicago, and three special assistants.

Aside from the dissolution of the two
organizations, the Government seeks to
enjoin the defendants from appointing

the petition adds, "has acted arbitrarily and without regard to actual values and fixed prices, wholly in the interests of the conspirators"

From May to August, when the bulk of the country's supply is made, the petition says large contralizing concerns are buyers, rather than sellers of butter, buying up the surplus product and storing it for Winter, when the price of butter fixed by the board during the Summer months have been somewhat above market and private sales.

It is charged that the American Association of Creamery Butter Manu-

sociation of Creamery Butter Manufacturers, composed of about 46 firms and individuals, is used by the "conspirators" to maintain these seasonal differences in prices without regard to trade conditions or competition. All members of the Association are required, it is alleged, to use the price thus established as a basis of their contract for the purchase or sale of

Before the Summer of each year, the petition continues, the large central-izing concerns send representatives throughout the butter producing area, contracting with small manufacturers for their entire season's supply, based on the figures of the Eigin board, usually one-half or one cent higher than the Eigin price. Vast quantities of butter are thus purchased from farmers and others, it is said, by members of the association.

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"If, therefore," their petition de-clares, "the price fixed by the Eigin board should fail below the real econoard should fall below the real econamic price of butter, as fixed by the
law of supply and demand, the profit
accruing from the corresponding drop
in contract prices goes to the large
centralizers on every pound of butter
which had been purchased in advance
there contracts based upon the Elgin
price."

OPIUM TAKING IS CHARGED

Dresden Professor Says American
Athletes Use Stimulant.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—America is addict-

which had been purchased in advance very contracts based upon the Elgin price."

Alleged Combine Five Years Old.

The system by which the price of butter is fixed is not generally known to the widely scattered producers, according to the petition, but "on the contrary, the price is published throughout the United States in newspapers and otherwise, without any accompanying statement of how the price is determined, and readers of quotations thus published, and particularly farmers and other producers of butters and sellers of butter fat, are led to believe that the price quotations are prices established by actual bona fide sales and purchases of butter in open competition on the Elgin Board fide sales and purchases of butter in open competition on the Eigin Board of Trade."

he alleged combination and con-

apiracy is said to have been formed "some five years ago."
Officers of the American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers deny that the organisation has ever at-tempted to fix the price of butter or that it has any connection with the Eigin Board of Trade.

ELGIN. III., Dec. 14.—Elgin "butter barons" have no fear of dissolution by the Supereme Court of the United

When the Supreme Court of the United States is fully informed on this

United States is fully informed on this subject, as I have no doubt it will be, I believe the action will be dismissed, said President Potter today.

The High Board of Trade was organized in 1872 and chartered under the laws of Hinois in 1879. Prices of butter were quoted between the figures of the three highest saies up to 1886, when a quotation committee of five members, two of whom are usually producers, two dealers and one a broker, was elected. The Board convenes each Monday and acts as a primary market. A call board is maintained on which the receipts of the New York market are first announced. Producers than nizes St. Anthony, Idaho,

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their supply before the Board and of-ferings are made. The prices are for actual sales upon which butter is de-livered, it is stated.

After the call board has closed the quotation committee meets and recom-mends a price. From this appeal can be taken to the Board as a whole and a new price fixed.

"If enjoined we will obey the injunc-tion," said President Potter. "But for the Elgin Board, the price of butter would be much higher than it is at present.

Minn. Omaha and Kansas City.

The bill is signed by Attorney-General Wickersham, James A. Fowler, assistant to the Attorney-General United States Attorney Wilkerson, of Chicago, and three special assistants.

Aside from the dissolution of the two organizations, the Government seeks to enjoin the defendants from appointing a price-fixing committee, from fixing prices, from quoting or publishing figures purporting to be "market prices" unless they are based on bona fide sales of butter; from demanding that the Elgin price he used as a basis in making contracts for butter; from making fictitious or "match sales" or butter to mislead as to the actual price at which butter is being sold.

The price of butter fixed on the Elgin Exchange, the Government maintains, is not the result of free and open competition regulated by actual bona fide sales under the law of supply and demand. The price-fixing committee of the board is dominated and controlled, it is alleged, by large butter manufactories, known as centralizers, and by cold-storage concerns. This committee, the petition adds, "has acted arbitrarily and without regard to actual values and fixed prices, wholly in the interests of the conspirators."

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WRECK'S BLAME IS FIXED

Engineer and Brakeman Accountable for Indianapolis Fatality.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 14,-Willis York and Carl Gross were accountable for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad wreck in a suburb of this city on November 13, when 16 lives were lost, according to the report of Cor-

oner Durham.
Coroner Durham declared that under
the rules of the railroad company, Engineer York was responsible for the
closing of the switch after his train had passed onto the siding. Brakeman Gross is criticised for reporting to York that the switch was closed. The open switch caused the wreck.

Man Gives Girl Carfare and Later She Finds Her Pocket Picked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14. — "Better take these; they might come in handy," said the escort of Miss Eve Willis last night, as he pressed two nickels into her hand and assisted her to a trolley

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President of Board Says He Expects
Action to Be Dropped.

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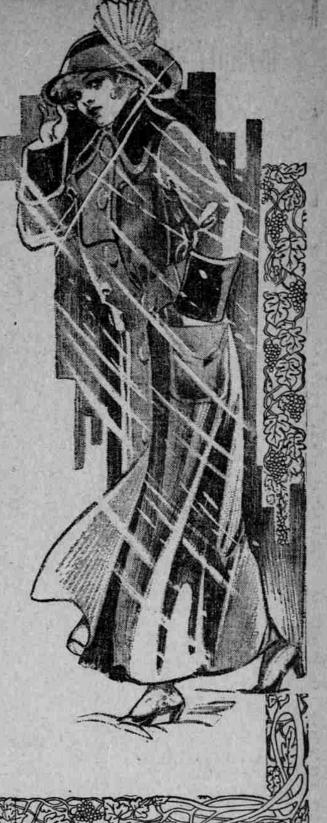
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CARABAOS HAVE JINX

Speeches Are Made Urging United States to Keep Philippines, on Ground Time for Independ-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Enlivened by songs, speeches and "stunts" recalling the early days of United States occupation in the Philippines, the tenth annual "wallow" of the Washington corral of the Military Order of Carabao, held tonight, was the most successful in the history of the organization, whose members comprise most of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers who served in the Philippines during the "days of the empire," from 1898 to 1902.

Chief Justice White and Associate Justices Vandevanter and Lurton, of the Supreme Court; Secretaires Stim of the Commencial Club Shows is and Postmaster-General Hitchcock were among the prominent guests who

Reforms Recited by Messenger.

The messenger urged the Carabaos to get the United States to decrease the number of battleships in Philippine

waters.

The toastmaster was Major-General Robert K. Evans, in command of the Department of the Gulf, Henry D. Estabrook, of New York, spoke in favor of retaining the Philippines, declaring that the time had not come to arrange for independence for the Fillment of the States of the same of the same of the States of the Sta

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Controller Shows Number Has

Doubled in 12 Years.

BUSINESS STILL LARGER

Money Rate Higher Since August.
The Controller's report consists of a mass of statistics with analyses.
In connection with the rates in money, which recently have been soaring, the Controller simply observes that the rates were normal up to August, with a tightening of the money market thereafter. According to the last condition report. September 4, the Controller points out that New York and Chicago were slightly deficient in the amount of their legal reserves, and St. Louis slightly excessive. Banks in the major portion of other reserve cities were also slightly deficient, but the country banks maintain an excess the country banks maintain an excess of the legal requirements.

Circulation Not All Issued. Less than 70 per cent of the total amount of National bank notes which the National banks might circulate under the law, has been issued. Based upon the September 4 report, the banks might increase their circulation by \$321,927,060, Murray says.

gregate capital of \$21,005,250, were placed in voluntary liquidation.

Polk County Educators Meet. DALLAS, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)— The Polk County educators met here today and discussed several topics rel-ative to education in the county's

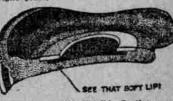
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