

PACKERS ARE DETERMINED

Refused to Submit to Arbitration or to Make Any Contract With Butchers.

BROKE FORMER CONTRACTS

Packers Issue Circular in Which They Pledge Themselves to Enter Into No Agreement With Old Employes.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—The packers have issued an official statement defining their position in the stockyards controversy and declaring that they will not enter into any agreement with the striking butcher workmen. In reviewing the causes leading up to the strike, the packers point out that they offered to submit the entire matter to arbitration and that their offer was refused. After the strike was called they state that they again took up negotiations with the butcher workmen and at the end of a week an agreement was reached which was considered fair to both parties. Before there was a chance to put this agreement into effect the cattle butchers held a meeting and decided to ignore the contract and the second strike was ordered. The statement concludes with the following:

"In what light would the packers regard a contract with the butcher workmen after these events? What argument could the union leaders adduce in favor of such a contract or in favor of arbitration.

"The packers had agreements with the car workers and some other labor organizations, by which the men were morally bound not to strike. Yet, when the butchers workmen were seen to be so much in the wrong that they could not enforce their demands, these contract bound workmen laid down their tools in sympathetic strike. Again the agreement, now so stoutly contended for, was wilfully torn up. None can truthfully say that the owners of the plants have opposed trade unions. They have never asked their employees as to their affiliation with labor organizations or with any association. They knew when the various unions were being formed in their plants and they did not in the least attempt to prevent their formation.

"In conclusion, it cannot be stated too strongly that the packers will not enter into any agreement with the butchers. Experience has proved that negotiations with an organization that has absolutely no regard for the inviolability of contract is a foolish waste of time."

GOOD PLACE FOR GOATS.

Lincoln County Farmer Finds Them Profitable and Helpful.

Toledo Reporter: J. Jensen, who recently bought a piece of railroad land in Lincoln county, has bought 200 head of goats and is going into the goat business on a large scale. Mr. Jensen is a new comer but seems to have the right idea of how to get a start. The goats, while they are increasing in number, and bringing in money to their owner, are at the same time clearing the land they graze on, and as land clearers the goat has proved a wonderful thing. What Lincoln county wants is a few hundred families like Mr. Jensen, to buy up all the vacant land and develop it into one of the best stock raising countries in the world.

Belgrade's Secret Passage.

In demolishing the palace at Belgrade, where the murder of King Alexander and Queen Draga took place, the workmen came across a secret stairway built in the walls and communicating with a tunnel of great length leading to a remote spot outside the city precincts. Inquiries have developed that King Milan had caused this secret staircase and subway to be constructed years ago to provide him with a means of escape in the event of a military revolt, such as that which brought the reign of his ill-fated son to so tragic a close, but that just two months before the assassination of Alexander the latter, convinced that he had nothing to fear and looking upon the tunnel as affording opportunities to thieves and burglars to rob the palace unperceived, caused the opening in the wall to the secret staircase and also the entrance to the tunnel in the basement to be bricked up. This was done so quietly that not one of those members of the royal household who took part in the massacre of the king and queen were aware of the existence of the subway. By having it bricked up the unfortunate Alexander shut off what would

otherwise have proved a road to safety, since if he could have secured access to the tunnel he would, with Queen Draga, have been able to reach the river's edge and probably transportation across the stream to the Hungarian bank on the other side thereof, before the assailants had realized the direction in which he had flown. No trace will soon be left of the palace where the crime took place. Its site will have been converted into a garden before the return to the capital of the new king.

Nihilism and War.

The assassination of Minister von Plehve, following so closely on the heels of that of General Bobrikoff, recalls the days of the great Terrorist conspiracy which culminated in the assassination of Alexander II. There is an evident relation between war and revolution in Russia. Immediately after the Napoleonic wars which had a profound effect on the life of Russia, involving as they did not only the invasion, the burning of the Kremlin and Moscow, and the calamitous retreat of the French army, but the return tide, which carried the Cossacks to the banks of the Seine, came a revolutionary period in Russia, which culminated in the December outbreak so vividly indicated in Tolstoy's great novel, "War and Peace." In the same way the Crimean war was followed almost without interval by a period of moral and social revolution, the most remarkable event of which was the emancipation of the serfs in 1861, two years before Lincoln's famous proclamation. But the freeing of the serfs was only one among many reforms which broke up the old order and introduced the new. The whole field of education was similarly affected, the doors of the schools and colleges being thrown open to classes that had never hitherto profited by them, and eventually to the sons of the emancipated serfs. The education of women also entered on a new and more liberal phase than ever before in the Russian empire and the new woman made her appearance in the land of the czars.—Harper's Weekly.

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