



## A REVOLTING STORY OF FILTH

### PACKERS DISREGARD ALL SANITARY PRECAUTIONS

**Pig Falls Into Privy and Is Taken Out and Hung on Rack Without being washed--Moral Conditions Are Frightful.**

WASHINGTON, June 7.—During the hearing of the meat packers before the house committee on agriculture today, the slipping of a hog into a privy was made the subject of a colloquy between Commissioner Neill, who was being examined, and Representative Brooks of Colorado. Neill said he saw the hog fall and identified the picture of the privy. The hog was put on the rack and he believed it never was cleaned. Chairman Wadsworth persisted that the witness might "Believe" the hog was not cleaned, but he did not "know" it.

#### Pig Not Cleaned.

At this point Mr. Wilson, representing the packers, was allowed to state that there were men scraping and cleaning the hogs and none were allowed in the cooling room that was not perfectly clean.

"This was not a case for scraping, it was one for cleaning with antiseptic fluid," replied Neill. Chairman Wadsworth persisted that the hog case contained the essence of the whole report. The statement was positively made in the report that the hog was not cleaned, he said, when as a matter of fact Neill admitted he had not followed the hog to ascertain to fact he had stated. Going back to the statement regarding tuberculosis spit on the floor, Wadsworth insisted that Neill did not know it was a fact that the workmen had tuberculosis. Another long colloquy followed over the difference between belief and knowledge ending in Neill's declaring Wadsworth and Lorimer were quibbling. Both men denied any intention to quibble, but only to get at the facts. A protest from Bowie of Alabama that Neill was being

put in the position of a defendant under cross examination, led to further words as to Bowie's right to interfere.

#### Work is Degrading.

Resuming Neill took up the assertion that work in the packing houses tended to lower the morals, which he believed to be the case. He gave an instance of a young girl having to walk across a long room filled with men to go to the water closet. This he declared did not tend to morality, when some of those men are of the lowest type. Neill was asked by Lorimer if he had any complaint to make as to his treatment at a witness. Neill answered that the treatment of witness Wilson yesterday by certain members of the committee and the treatment of himself today by the same members was vastly different, especially when the testimony of Wilson tended to raise the direct question of veracity between himself and Reynolds and Mr. Wilson. "That's just what we think too," asserted Lamb of Virginia, and Neill continued by saying that while girls may have permission to sit down there they have nothing to sit on.

#### Privies Are Filthy.

He said the room for girl workers was poorly ventilated, his principal objection being that the privies ventilated into the working room. Every suggestion was made to correct the "Absolutely brutal indifference," with which the employees, especially the girls, were treated, and he said he was met with the statement, "Oh they don't mind that." It was a mistake to state as Wilson said yesterday, Neill declared, that the packing houses are open to the public.

#### STEALS CERTIFICATE.

NEW YORK, June 7.—Frederick P. Wilson, aged 29, was arrested here last night on the request of the chief of police of Los Angeles, Cal., who alleged that Wilson was a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in connection with the theft of a certificate of deposit of \$2100 issued by the Security Bank of Havre, Montana, to the Title Guarantee & Trust Company of Los Angeles, of which Wilson is alleged to be clerk.

Five hundred dollars was offered for Wilson's capture. He is said to have confessed his identity.

#### TROOPS ARE LEAVING SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—The military authorities are gradually withdrawing all of the government forces from the city and within a few weeks San Francisco will be entirely under the protection of the regular police force, assisted by the large number of specials which have been added to the list since the fire. It has been the plan of those who have had charge of the city's protection to have the troops withdrawn gradually and for the last few weeks three companies have been recalled, one at a time and sent back to their proper stations, until now only a few remain here to do guard duty, which do not properly belong to posts about the bay.

#### SHEEP ARE SLAUGHTERED.

SPOKANE, June 7.—A Lewiston, Idaho, special to the Spokesman Review, says: Meagre details are to hand of alleged serious war between sheepmen and cattlemen on Salmon River, eighteen miles from White Bird. The rumor is that the cattle men, who resented the advent of the sheep on the ranges, fired 1000 shots into the bands at A. T. Davis ranch, slaughtering 300 sheep.

#### EIGHTY HURT IN TORNADO.

Town Practically Wiped Out—Six Inches of Rain Falls.

HILLSBORO, Kas., June 7.—Word reached here today of a tornado last night at Gessel, a German Mennonite settlement, 15 miles southwest of here, in which 80 persons were injured and the largest store in town and several dwellings destroyed. Doctors have gone from here to render assistance. Over six inches of rain fell. Goessel was practically destroyed.

The most seriously hurt are:

Katie Hendrichs, aged 12, leg broken; Henry Ratzlaff, a farmer, hurt internally, may die; Dr. Peter Richert injured about head; Rev. John Toews, leg broken.

The tornado laid waste a strip 200 yards wide. Several stores and twelve residences were demolished and every residence in town was damaged.

The Classen mill and the German parochial school, nearing completion, were wrecked. The large Mennonite Hospital was only slightly damaged. The injured were taken there for treatment.

#### WILL BOMBARD GUATEMALAN PORT.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A cable dispatch to the Herald from Panama, says: Passengers and officers of the City of Para, Pacific Mail, which reached this port yesterday, say that while at Corinto the American ship Empire flying the American flag, with officers and crew, and of 500 tons register, was taking on coal with the knowledge of the Nicaraguan Government, and left that port on June 2 to bombard San Jose, Guatemala. There were 3000 rifles and 500,000 rounds of ammunition aboard and the ship had machine guns mounted. The revolutionists aboard were under command of General Castillo. The bombardment was expected to take place Tuesday or yesterday.

### BITTER ATTACK MADE ON ROOSEVELT

Brundage of Arkansas, Scores President For His Extravagant Policy in Conducting His Administration.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The house today listened to a bitter arraignment of the President at the hands of Brundage of Arkansas who contrasted the expenses of the last Cleveland, McKinley and Roosevelt administrations.

Under the Cleveland administration, including the salary of the President, \$137,000 was expended, while the bill now under consideration carries \$253,000, which with the cost of forty policemen detailed to the White House, \$40,000, makes a total of nearly \$300,000. He denominated this "Extravagance run mad." He believed soldiers should be used to guard the President and the policemen sent into sections of Washington where thugs and marauders were preying upon women and children. He criticized the item of \$25,000 traveling expenses of the President and said it was probably made for the purpose of providing for a repetition of the "Muck Rake Speech."

"As for myself," he said, "and I believe also for a large proportion of the people, we have heard enough of this muck rake nonsense and tomfoolery and we are disgusted with it."

"It is no wonder in view of the present appropriations and present expenditures, that the President should hold up to public ridicule the magazines and newspapers of this country and public men and private citizens who dare to criticize him."

General Grosvenor characterized the attack on the President as a relic of antiquity. He said it can have no effect on the American people. He said if he should attempt by an illustrated lecture to impress upon the people of the old world, absolutely dominant of the plain every-day democratic living and the plain democratic administration of the government, he would take them to the White House and show them the every-day life of its present occupant.

#### SECULAR EDUCATION.

LONDON, June 7.—At the annual meeting yesterday of the British and foreign Unitarian Association, the Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers of Cambridge, Mass., lectured on the effects of secular education in America.

#### CONFER WITH PRESIDENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—Following a lengthy telegraphic communication with President Roosevelt, the sub-committee of the Citizens' Finance Committee left today for Washington for the purpose of learning the President's views on the proposal to have congress indorse the long term bonds of San Francisco in the sum of \$200,000,000. The committee comprises Walter J. Barnett, Judge W. W. Morrow, Dr. Divine, Benjamin Ide Wheeler and E. H. Harriman, who will meet the committee in the east. Franklin K. Lane who has been in New York for several weeks has obtained a promise, it is said, of Wall street financiers to take the bond issue provided they are endorsed by the United States. The money thus raised will be used in rebuilding San Francisco.

### STEAM SCHOONERS ARE STILL TIED UP

Lockout Which Tie up the Entire Waterfront in San Francisco, Will Probably Continue for Some Time to Come.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—That the lockout which now ties up the waterfront will not cease for sometime is evident from the action taken by the Oceanic Steamship Company today. The company sent word to the sailors, firemen and cooks and waiters unions that the agreement entered into between the unions and the company regulating the wages would be abrogated on July 6. This notice was given in accordance with a mutual understanding, whereby notice of a strike or lockout must be given thirty days in advance. The business of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, in this port is at a standstill. The Pacific Mail, which yesterday let out 1500 longshoremen took back enough to finish loading the Newport, which is soon to sail for Panama. The executive committee and steamship arbitration and united shipping transportation association met today to appoint a committee to meet the one named by the City Water Front Federation. When these two committees meet an effort will be made to put an end to the trouble which has crippled the shipping industry.

#### TO REMOVE JEROME.

ALBANY, June 7.—The removal from office of District Attorney Jerome was demanded of Governor Higgins in a complaint filed with the executive by W. N. Amory, Frank E. Perly, secretary to the governor, admitted tonight that such a complaint was filed, but would say nothing of the charges against Mr. Jerome. While nothing definite can be learned it is assumed the complaint is the one threatened by Amory before the legislative committee last winter, and based on charges he then made against Jerome, of negligence in failing to prosecute persons in connection with certain metropolitan traction interests.

#### POLICYHOLDERS' NAMES.

Insurance Underwriters Demand That Companies Produce Policyholders' Names.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7.—At a conference today between insurance Commissioner Wolf and Attorney E. C. Coogan of the underwriters, Wolf warned the latter that he would immediately call for a list of the policy-holders from every company which failed to sign the agreement extending the time for proof and loss to sixty days. The notification is equivalent to a declaration of war on all companies which have not signed. The state provides for a \$10,000 penalty for failure to respond to the demand of the commissioner. In equity, an order of Commissioner Wolf will compel every company to grant an extension or go out of business in this state.

Off For Colorado.—Rev. W. S. Grim, who has for some time past filled the pulpit of the First Methodist church of this city, accompanied by Mrs. Grim, leaves today for his new charge at Delta, Colorado. They have made many warm friends in Astoria, in and out, their congregation, and there are many who wish the prosperity and happiness in their new field.

### TERRIBLE WHITE DAMP OVERCOMES EIGHT MEN

**Northern Pacific Mines at Rocky Fork, Montana, Become the Tomb of Eight Men—Heroic Attempts At Rescue.**

ANACONDA, Mont., June 7.—One of the most serious accidents in the history of coal mining in Montana occurred in the mines of the Northern Pacific at Rocky Fork near Red Lodge. Eight are dead, all victims of the fatal white damp that filled the corridors of the mine after the fire which started Wednesday. The bodies have been recovered and the story of the work of the rescue parties is a tale unexcelled in bravery and self-sacrifice. Of the dead two were members of the rescue party. The fire started in an incline in number six. This was believed to be under control after a long hard fight. Early this morning the first rescue party entered the incline. When 1200 feet down all were overcome. Seven managed to struggle back where they could be reached. By this time the dense smoke had burst from number five incline and the air was so foul that

the rescuers in number six were driven back. At 10 o'clock another rescue party formed of business men and townspeople were volunteering when the Finnish miners held back terrified. A special to the Standard says the scenes about the mines beggared description. Frantic women and crazed men ran about hampering the work of rescue. The second volunteer party was successful. The fans were reversed and the smoke forced out of number six. The rescuers were let down cautiously. They first found the unconscious forms of six of the first rescuers and later farther down, the bodies of the other two. All but two were revived and it is believed will recover. It is believed all the bodies have been recovered from the mine. The work of fighting the fire is now being waged vigorously. The cause of the fire is unknown.

#### WOULD LYNCH NEGRO.

SIoux CITY, June 7.—A telephone message from Lamar says the jail is surrounded by a mob bent on lynching a negro accused of having assaulted a white girl this afternoon. The negro is said to have been employed in a circus.

#### EDGEFIELD ON FIRE.

AUGUSTA, Ga., June 7.—A telephone message from Edgefield, S. C. shortly after midnight reports a larger portion of the business section of the town is in flames. Appeals have been sent to Augusta and Johnstown for assistance.

#### METHODS OF REBATES.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—New light was shed on the motives leading to the abolition of freight rebates when James McCrea, the first vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company appeared before the interstate commerce commission. McCrea favored publicity of the rating of mines, and the distribution of cars. He surprised the commissioners by announcing that for nearly two years, and up to the time of President's Cassatt's recent departure for Europe, the board of directors on the Pennsylvania, had been considering means for eliminating the private car. Attorney Glasgow asked McCrea when Cassatt decided to stop rebating. McCrea said just as soon as he assumed the presidency in 1889.

#### CAPITOL BURNING.

BATON ROUGE, La., June 7.—The state capitol is on fire.

#### PUTER IN PORTLAND.

PORTLAND, June 7.—Stephen A. D. Puter, king of the Oregon land-fraud ring, the central figure of sensational trials, defendant in numerous Federal indictments, a fugitive from justice from ocean to ocean, and wanted by the authorities of the United States and Oregon alike, is at last safe and sound in Multnomah County Jail. There among the common criminals that haunt the county bastille languishes the man who has made thousands on broad-gauged swindles and conspiracies against the government, who has operated with men high in office and finance, with indictments, a suspended sentence and \$25,000 bonds hanging over his head.

#### MISSIONARIES MEET.

CLIFTON SPRINGS, N. Y., June 7.—The opening meeting of the twenty-third annual session of the International Missionary Union was held in the sanitarium tabernacle here last night. The meeting was in charge of David McConaughy, of New York. Mr. McConaughy made a brief opening address which was followed by the address of welcome of Mrs. Henry Foster.

#### BIGAMIST MINISTER.

Preacher Convicted of Bigamy and Given One Year in Folsom.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 6.—Rev. James R. Wylie, self confessed bigamist, was sentenced by Judge Smith today to pay a fine of \$5, and to be imprisoned in Folsom for one year. The district attorney's office represented that the crime was not an aggravated case and dropped prosecution against the clergyman's second wife, a Mrs. Green. Wylie was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, New York, where he married his first wife eighteen years ago. Last year the Wylies moved to a mining camp near Phoenix, Ariz., and were visited by Mrs. Fannie M. Green of New York.

The clergyman sent his wife and an adopted child to relatives in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and during their absence married the Green woman in Los Angeles last August.

#### PATERSON ANARCHISTS

#### NOT GUILTY.

PATERSON, N. J., June 7.—Chief of Police Simson yesterday read the report cabled from London that information had been received in Italy from the Paterson police of another plot by anarchists in Paterson to assassinate several crowned rulers of Europe, including the King of Italy. Chief Simson said the report was absolutely untrue, and that as far as he could learn the few anarchists in Paterson were not connected with any recent dynamite plot which might have been planned in this county or in Europe.