

# BIG 5 MERGER IS UNOPPOSED

Government Can See no Occasion for Contrary Action at This Time

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The government will take no action at this time on the proposed acquisition of Morris & Co.'s physical assets by Armour & Co. of Chicago, it was formally announced today by the secretary of agriculture. This decision was reached by Secretary Wallace after long study of the proposal and conferences with President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty. There was no indication in Washington whether Armour & Co. would proceed with their negotiations for the Morris establishment which is a competitor and one of the "big five" packing establishments.

**Action Unnecessary**

Secretary Wallace declared there appeared to be no occasion for action at this time, under the packers and stockyards act which he administers, in connection with the proposal informally laid before him by J. Ogden Armour. Mr. Wallace also transmitted this information and additional data on the proposal to the senate, in response to a resolution of Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin.

In a formal announcement, Mr. Wallace declared there was nothing in the packers and stockyards act which specifically prohibits the purchase by one packer of the physical assets of another. An opinion by Attorney Daugherty, made public with the announcement, said the act is essentially a regulatory one and that the duties and powers of the secretary of agriculture thereunder are to regulate the industry.

**Would Increase Competition**

"The language of the packers and stockyards act," said Mr. Daugherty, "makes it clear to me that the act does not require you to take any formal action unless you have reason to believe that the law has been violated or is being violated. To constitute a violation of the law within the meaning of this act there must be something more than a mere statement of what a person or corporation contemplated."

Briefs of Armour & Co. presented to Secretary Wallace and transmitted to the senate, contended that the consolidation would not hinder, but would increase competition in the packing industry. Decisions interpreting the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws, the federal trade commission act and the packers and stockyards act were cited to support the proposed consolidation.

**Armour Leads Swift**

Statistics regarding the meat industry were submitted to show that Armour and Morris during the last ten years had slaughtered 24.57 per cent of the total livestock in federal inspected plants while Swift & Co. had slaughtered 22.39 per cent. Of the total meat production of 1921 of 16,159,000,000 pounds, it was said Armour produced 10.44 per cent and Morris 5.23 per cent. Figures on subsidiary products also were given in part.

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# BERRY MEN ARE CALLED

All Growers Asked to Attend Conference on Loganberry Situation

Every loganberry-growing community that has not already elected a delegate to the big loganberry meeting scheduled for Salem, December 20, is urged to do so in time for the delegate to post himself a little on the conditions in his locality, and be prepared to speak authoritatively on the subject of what berries cost to grow, and what his people will

be willing to do towards unifying the growing industry.

**Starts at Liberty**

The movement started a few months ago by the growers of the Liberty district seems to have borne fruit, for the present concerted movement, sponsored by the Oregon Growers, looks like the big thing that the industry has prayed for.

One of the things that seems imperative is to connect the loganberry with some national or international fruit service, perhaps as part of a "line" production that gives the Oregon loganberry the advertising of all the other fruits that Oregon produces. Even this might not immediately take care of all the Oregon loganberries, for this is a specialized Oregon product and is produced in a larger quantity than many of the other fruits that should be its natural selling complement. Some special loganberry advertising on a national scale seems to be necessary to create the demand for a product that has not yet firmly established itself in the world market.

**All Expected to Help**

It is believed that the canners and berry handlers will be willing to help in the movement to give the logans a fair price on which the industry can live. Because the loganberry is not universally known, however, perhaps the canners may not be solely responsible for creating a market. It may be a vital part of the grower's business to help make this an insistent, buying market that demands logans without substitutions of any other fruit. The attitude of the growers towards helping to establish this world market may be the deciding slant in the question of whether the industry is to thrive or languish. This meeting is called for delegates only, and not for a general mass meeting, with the idea of getting closer together and laying out a program that might work. Later there will come a wholesale appeal to the growers for the adoption of whatever plan is adopted as a real solution of the berry question.

# ASTORIA NEEDS \$3,000,000

Telegrams Sent to Washington Say Situation Growing More Critical

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 12.—Federal relief for Astoria by a three-million dollar appropriation for the immediate rebuilding of streets, sewers and viaducts was asked today in a telegram sent President Harding and the Oregon congressional delegation by the general relief committee. Unless the city receives immediate government aid, it was pointed out, the city government will cease to function and the bankruptcy of the people will result. That the situation is critical was the claim made in the telegram.

**Many Telegrams Sent**

In addition to the telegrams sent to Washington, copies of the telegram were sent to the governors of all western states, the chambers of commerce of San Francisco, Galveston, Seattle, Los Angeles, Portland and all other Pacific northwest cities.

Following is the telegram dispatched by Mayor Bremner to President Harding and Oregon's congressional delegation:

"On Friday morning last, the entire business part of this city was totally destroyed by the most devastating fire in the history of the Pacific coast. Streets, water system, sewer system and fire system in the entire devastated district are totally destroyed. Over five thousand citizens have

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suffered loss of their entire property and are without employment or means of subsistence. Business is paralyzed and the city wholly without adequate means either to furnish employment or sustain its citizens who have so suffered.

**Situation Serious**

Contributions have been secured from coast cities and from individuals, but this cannot be employed to rehabilitate the devastated district. In order to rebuild it will be necessary to fill

by dredging the entire part of the city destroyed. Practically all of the streets and sewers destroyed were constructed on and under viaducts, and costs assessed against the property. Such assessments have not been paid, which together with the enormous loss sustained, makes it impossible to reconstruct. The situation is serious and appalling. Unless the city receives immediate government aid it seems that it will cease to function, and bankruptcy of its people heretofore solvent, will result.

**Three Million Needed**

The disaster, not counting loss of life, equals that caused by the tidal wave which devastated Galveston, and the San Francisco holocaust of 1906. We deem the situation so critical that we feel it is necessary to appeal to the congress of the United States for immediate aid, such as was granted Galveston and San Francisco. It is believed that it will require

at least three million dollars to afford any ways near adequate relief."

Make a remedy worse than the disease and most people will take it.

**NEW CORPORATIONS**

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the state corporation commissioner by Williamette chapter, Daughters of the

American Revolution. Headquarters is in Portland. Alice C. Ward and others are the incorporators. Other articles filed yesterday were: Nicolai Realty company, Portland; incorporators, Louis Nicolai, J. W. Beach; capitalization, \$120,000. Dayton Meat company, Dayton, Or.; incorporators, J. E. Proffitt, W. L. Sheard, J. Claude Proffitt; capitalization, \$10,000. A permit to operate in Oregon

was issued to The Texas company and Texas incorporation, capitalized at \$164,450,000, and which Ben C. Dey of Portland is attorney-in-face for Oregon.

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Our stocks consist of a full line of newest novelties, as well as ordinary styles. Imported gloves are on an upward trend—due to the excessive high rate of tariff on this certain article.

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# Christmas Sale

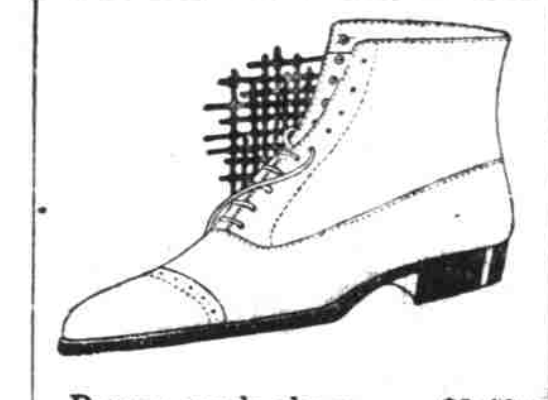
Starts Thursday, December 14 at 9:30

Our stock comprises articles which are suitable for every member of the family. We extend to you a cordial invitation to make this your shopping headquarters.

**WE NEED THE MONEY**

All bills must be met on the first of the year and to meet them we must sacrifice our stock. Our loss is your gain. Here are a few of the specials. We have hundreds more just as good.

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| Suits ..... \$6.50 to \$25.00         | Hats, all sizes and colors ..... 98c |
| Brown and black Cotton Sox, 2 for 22c | Caps ..... 25c                       |
| Genuine Silk Sox ..... 69c            | 4 in hand and Bow Ties ..... 12c     |
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| Pure All Wool Sox ..... 33c           | Silk Knitted Ties ..... 63c          |
| Canvas Gloves, per pair ..... 12c     | Reg. \$2 value Silk Ties ..... 98c   |
| All Wool Union Suits ..... \$2.45     | Handkerchiefs ..... 9c               |
| 3 Season Underwear ..... \$1.12       | Army All Wool Pants ..... \$1.78     |
| 2 pc. All Wool underwear ..... 63c    | Ladies House Slippers ..... 98c      |



- Brown work shoes ..... \$2.48
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