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FEAR EXPRESSED OF AN U. S. MEAT MONOPOLY

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(A. P.)—Apprehensions of a world-wide meat control by American packing firms were disclosed in a recent report to the Board of Trade by a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Trade.

"At present, the American meat companies have nearly 60 per cent of the beef output from Argentina and Uruguay and about 75 per cent of the capacity of the meat plants built or building in Brazil," the report stated. "Moreover, they control nearly one-half of the whole trade of Smithfield (the great London meat market) and they have also a solid footing in Canada and Australia."

"Fears as to the extension of their activities are not confined to the United Kingdom, but are equally strong in the dominions," it continues. "The more they may be able to extend their operations in South America, the more they may be able to divert supplies from reaching the United Kingdom; and the more they are able to control distribution business here, the more securely they will have the British consumer in their grip."

Suggestions were made by the committee to restrain, by taxation and by subsidizing refrigerated shipping companies, the expansion of foreign interests here, and an international investigation was recommended to go into the whole situation with a view to taking common action.

A rejoinder to the committee's findings is made by E. H. Cabell, the London manager of Armour and Company, who in an interview with a Press Association representative, complains that none of the American firms were heard by the committee and charges that the latter's report was compiled "under strong prejudices."

"Several passages in the report show a clear but very ill-formed animus against the American firms," Cabell states. "Particularly in its reference to Argentina. No one would guess from the report that the Chicago packers entered the Argentine trade at the request, almost at the entreaties, of the British firms which had opened up the territory and had paid heavily for their experience and were anxious to be bought out."

Mr. Cabell suggests that part of the supposed animus disclosed in the report is due to the reluctance of certain British firms to compete with the "less wasteful and more efficient methods of their American rivals," and he says the only effect of the report must be to raise meat prices all over the United Kingdom.

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A BACHELOR'S REVERIE.

(By Frank L. Stanton)

How frail a thing is Love! . . . the lamplight falling
(I mean the gaslight) o'er my visions here,
I hear the voices of the old sweethearts calling,
Without a sigh—a tear!

Was it not yonder that a wind-blown blossom
From orchards by a glorious spring made sweet
Was kissed of Love, and left upon her bosom—
Of Love the dream complete.

Did she not whisper (Wherefore should I say it?)
She loved me, and would love me to the last?
(This midnight, with its darkness would betray it.)
"Tis past! 'Tis past! 'Tis past!

And yet—and yet! . . . I say I do not quiver
To any pulse—to one remembered tone;
And yet—and yet! . . . The shadows make me quiver:
I am alone—alone!

I say, God's ample world is still about me—
His skies, with all their storm and all their bright;
But one loved heart can live its life without me—
The fire is dead . . . Goodnight!

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IT'S THERE—GO GET IT

THE United States today is the largest creditor nation on earth. It has the lion's share of the world's gold. It has manufactured goods and surplus farm crops to market in the disorganized nations of the world. It has a merchant marine. Its dollar today is the standard of value for the world.

These are a few facts pointed out by the optimists. In spite of the validity of these facts, the psychology of business in the United States is bad. Men are talking "bear." Prices have come down, wages are coming down. Money is tight. Business is poor.

Action, fight if you please, is an antidote for the second set of conditions. The man who has something to sell can sell, if he will get out and push his article. Business can be restored by action and by advertising. A little of the old-time energy that made fortunes before the war will put things right once again. The time of the mountain coming to Mahomet may have been with us for a period but today the mountain is within walking distance if Mahomet will take his feet off the stove and hot-foot it out after business. It is there, go and get it.

CITY DWELLERS

THE United States is becoming a nation of city dwellers. The lure of urban life, despite "back to the farm" propaganda in the past decade, has fastened itself more tenaciously on the American population. More than half of the 1920 population listed by the census bureau, was in cities of 2500 or more persons.

Even Oregon, one of the largest states in area, is almost 50 per cent urban in population. Out of 783,389 persons counted in Oregon, only 1351 more dwell in the country than in the towns and cities.

In the past 10 years the balance has swung from the farm side to the city side. In 1910 only 45.8 per cent of those living in the United States were in the towns and cities. The increase in 10 years is 5.6 per cent.

In the flood of folk from the wholesome and productive life of the farm to the battle of business of the city may lie the cause of many of our most vexing economic and social problems today. It is true that those remaining on the farm must produce in the proportion that their ranks have been depleted and the ranks of the city dwellers swelled. More production, better health, greater contentment and improved general welfare would be the result if thousands who have gone to the big cities from the farms in quest of wealth, luxury and "life," were back following the plow.

DISTRIBUTING THE READJUSTMENT

LOWER wages, which are declared by the secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, to be inevitable for labor in the sheep and wool growing business, must be expected as a part of the readjustment in every line of business sooner or later. It is an interesting commentary on the trend of the times to witness with what success the readjustment in labor's compensation is accompanying the drop in prices.

In the case of the wool men and the cereal farmers, too, wage reductions are being postponed as long as possible. The former witnessed a sharp price drop in his market in May and the latter about in September. Wages only now are being adjusted to conform to the inevitable. The process is expected to be peaceable and be met in good spirit by labor.

Readjustment of wages in the manufacturing centers of the east is attended by far less strife than when war pushed wages upward. In more than one instance employees' organizations have volunteered wage reductions as great as 25 per cent. Arbitration where wage cuts could not at once be agreed upon has been effected satisfactorily and quickly in a good many other instances.

Capital, labor, the jobber, middleman, producer, and all along the line realize that the readjustment includes all, not a part. It is a fact to be pointed out with pride that all are getting together on the idea and that labor, which was perhaps slowest to be rewarded when prices were mounting, is not the first to be cut now that things are being revised downward.

Walla Wallans are subscribing to stock for a bridge across the Columbia between Pasco and Kennewick, 60 miles distant. Pendleton can do as well by solidly backing the reclamation of lands under the John Day project which is no farther distant and means as much or more to this community as the bridge to Walla Walla.

Ireland believes that prohibition there would seriously injure Great Britain. The measure of it the United States has obtained has not put this nation on the red side of the ledger.

STARVING WAIFS ARE INVISIBLE GUESTS AT LARGE BOSTON DINNER

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—(A. P.)—Starving waifs of Europe were the invisible guests tonight at dinner at which 400 persons sat down to a meal of stew, bread and cocoa for which they

paid \$100 a plate. The invisible ones to feed whom the money will go through the European relief council were kept immediately in mind by a vacant chair on which a lighter taper burned and before which the same dinner, which constituted the children's regular ration, was placed. It was announced that the dinner added \$250,000 to the council's funds.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the East Oregonian, January 15, 1892)

A. Hardly is here from Pilot Rock
R. Jones is here from Echo.
Miss Katie Reth is improving.
Today three horses, a wagon and harness, four cows and two calves were sold by J. M. Bentley, auctioneer. The outfit brought \$122.50.

J. T. Llewallen, progressive Adams merchant, is here today.

Mrs. A. W. Nye was hostess yesterday for a progressive whist party. Mrs. Starkwater was high score, the booty falling to Mrs. J. R. Dickson. Those who attended were: Mrs. R. G. Thompson, Mrs. M. A. Ladow, Mrs. G. A. Hartman, Mrs. T. C. Taylor, Mrs. E. P. Marshall, Mrs. S. P. Sturges, Mrs. R. Alexander, Mrs. J. W. Sullivan, Mrs. J. E. Bean, Mrs. J. Palling, Mrs. T. Starkweather, Mrs. G. L. Ladd, Mrs. A. D. Stillman, Mrs. W. J. Larnish, Mrs. J. Vert, Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Mrs. B. S. Burroughs, Mrs. W. M. Beagle, Mrs. J. P. Bushae, Mrs. J. A. Fee, Mrs. S. Rothchild, Mrs. J. R. Dickson, Mrs. L. W. White, Mrs. A. M. Raley, Mrs. H. L. Marston, Mrs. A. W. Wurzweller, Mrs. F. B. Clopton, Mrs. F. W. Vincent, Mrs. J. C. Leasure, Mrs. N. M. Perkins, Misses Potvine, Bertha Bean, Nora Lane, Edith Failing, Helen Grady, M. Guyer, Maud Shulthis, Bell Bishop and Elsie Bushae.

INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY TO PLACE BLAME

ROME, Jan. 15.—(A. P.)—A new investigation is to be under taken to place the blame for the disaster to the Italian army at Caporetto when it was driven back from the Isonzo to the Piave in the great war. A parliamentary commission already has reported into the affairs and reported that General Cavaciocchi, then commander of the Fourth Army Corps was among those chiefly responsible. The General has petitioned Parliament to reopen the case, says Deputy Crano, writing in the Giornale d'Italia.

General Cavaciocchi in his position asserts that the Austrians broke through the 27th Army Corps commanded by General Badoglio, now head of the General Staff, and succeeded in advancing along both flanks of the Isonzo and reaching the rear of the Fourth Army Corps, commanded by Cavaciocchi, which was unable to resist because of Badoglio's failure.

Other generals, especially Bonfiovanni, have backed Cavaciocchi's petition.

Senior Crano is of the opinion that Badoglio should not remain at the head of the General Staff while the enquiry is proceeding as it would be impossible to insure impartiality and obtain witnesses to give evidence against their own chief.

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