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GETS AT THE FACTS

Grand Jury Learn of Methods of Beef Trust.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW ARE SOUGHT

Price Are Kept Uniform—Big Profits
for Packers, Small Ones for
Retail Merchants.

Chicago, March 25.—The Federal grand jury which is investigating the business methods of the packers acquired a lot of information today from two of the four witnesses examined during the day. Thomas G. Ruddy, of Ruddy Bros., an independent packing firm of Kansas City, and Michael R. Murphy, general manager for the Cudahy Packing company in South Omaha, Sioux City and Kansas City, contributed the bulk of the information, Mr. Ruddy occupying the chair all afternoon.

Both of the witnesses, after leaving the grand jury room, expressed the belief that the grand jury was pursuing a settled policy in asking questions which bore directly on the charges of violation of the interstate commerce law and the Sherman anti-trust law. They did not construe the questions asked of them to be framed for the purpose of gathering general information concerning the packing industry.

Testimony showing the profits of retail meat dealers and prices of unfailing uniformity for meats at the "big five" packers' branch houses was given. In a detailed statement the cost and sale prices of beef handled by retailers in Kansas City was explained by Robert Hall, a dealer from that city, and the high prices blamed on the packers. The gist of the evidence was that the charge made by packers that retailers were making 100 per cent profit on beef is incorrect, and, while on some cuts the profit is almost that amount, it is equalized by the fact that an equal percentage is sold at a loss or at least no profit.

Mr. Hall's testimony also showed that the packer who pays \$4.75 per 100 pounds for beef on the hoof sells it at \$8 per 100 pounds to the retailer, who averages a trifle less than \$10.43 in gross receipts for the same meat.

There were 30 witnesses in the jury room annex at the opening of the session. Extra precautions were taken to prevent witnesses from coming in contact with outsiders. The doors were locked and Deputy Marshal Middleton sat inside, while Captain Porter stood outside the door.

Kansas' Fight with the Trust.

Topeka, Kan., March 28.—The Kansas Natural Gas company, through its attorneys, has filed in the Supreme court an amendment to its answer to the suit brought to compel it to show cause why it is operating in Kansas. The petition asks that the suit be dismissed at the cost of the state. The suit was brought against the company last fall by the attorney general. It is alleged that the company had no authority to transact business in the state, the charter board having refused to grant a license.

In Very Strong Position.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—A dispatch received from Syngai states that the Russian commander has succeeded in withdrawing all of his rear guard to a very strong position, where they will be able to withstand any attack of the Japanese. The dispatch states that the spirits of the men is of the best and that they are becoming more and more confident. It is further stated that General Kuropatkin is distinguishing himself.

TWO GREAT PROJECTS.

Reclamation of Tract in Idaho and
Another in Montana.

Washington, March 27.—The secretary of the interior today set apart \$1,300,000 from the reclamation fund for the purpose of beginning operations in connection with the Payette-Boise irrigation project in Idaho, and \$1,000,000 for the same purpose in connection with the Milk River project in Montana. It is calculated that 370,000 acres will be reclaimed in Idaho and 325,000 in Montana, and the ultimate cost of the two enterprises is fixed at \$11,000,000 and \$10,000,000 respectively.

An international question is involved in the Milk river case, as a portion of that river, from which it is proposed to divert water, lies in Canada, and to the matter Secretary Hitchcock has been giving personal attention. After conferring with the president, he has instructed Director Walcott, of the Geological survey, to take immediate steps to carry into effect the plans of the reclamation service for storing floods in St. Mary's lake, diverting the water of St. Mary's river over into the head of Milk river and ultimately across the headwaters of Milk river into the Marias and again out of the Marias back into Milk river in Montana, thus creating a great artificially regulated system of water supply south of the international boundary.

It is expected that construction will be begun this season on the diversion of St. Mary's river into the headwaters of Milk river, allowing the water to flow for a time through Canada back into the United States.

STANFORD CASE IS DROPPED.

Every Clew Known to San Francisco
Police is Run to Earth.

San Francisco, March 28.—It was announced at police headquarters today that every known clew in the Stanford case had been run to earth, and that the complexion of the matter had not changed in the least. Barring a confession or something "turning up," the police admit that they will never solve the mystery of how, January 14, in this city, strychnine poison was placed in the Poland water used by the late Mrs. Stanford.

That portion of the mystery connected with her tragic death at Honolulu, the police say, has been solved on the theory that Mrs. Stanford died by natural causes and that the powdered strychnine found in the bicarbonate of soda was placed there by some druggist and intended as a tonic.

The police detectives working on the case have all turned their attention to other matters, and while nominally men are detailed on the case, in reality the department has entirely dropped it.

Swamped with Flour Orders.

Minneapolis, March 27.—Japan flour orders continue to pour in upon Minneapolis millers at a rate that has exceeded all expectations. The past week brought in calls for consignments ranging from 5,000 to 20,000 sacks. One of the big companies states that it is 30 days behind on Japan orders, with every mill running to its maximum capacity. Other companies report like conditions. These orders are all made clearable from the seaboard within two months' time, showing that the flour is wanted immediately.

Collecting Alaska Exhibit.

Washington, March 27.—The Interior department recently sent Godfrey Chealander on a tour of Northern Alaska to collect exhibits for the Lewis and Clark exposition, in addition to those shown at St. Louis. He will cover the territory from Fairbanks to Cape Nome, collecting specimens on the way and advertising the exposition as he goes. J. H. Ridgeway, government taxidermist, is now at Sitka preparing the Alaska fur exhibit for Portland.

ALL GOES TO JETTY

No More Money for Dredging Columbia River Bar.

CONTRACTS WILL SOON BE LET

Big Dredge Chinook Will Not Continue
Operations on Bar During
Coming Season.

Washington, March 23.—The work of improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river this summer will be confined exclusively to jetty extension, in accordance with the provisions of the late river and harbor bill. The chief of engineers will soon award the contract for furnishing stone for the jetty and as soon as possible thereafter delivery will commence and the jetty will be pushed seaward.

It has been finally determined to abandon dredging on the Columbia river bar. Major Langfitt is not impressed with what was accomplished by the dredge Chinook last season, and inclines to the opinion that the money required for operating this dredge might better be expended on permanent work on the jetty. This view is now concurred in by the department officials. What will be done with the Chinook has not been determined. She may lie up at a dock or be sent to some other locality where dredging produces better results.

The government will have to pay more for stone this year than it did under the former contract, but the exact figure is not yet known, as all data is not now at hand.

The engineers are not ready to commence construction of the Dalles-Celilo canal. Major Langfitt has been directed to submit to the War department a plan for utilizing the \$300,000 carried by the river and harbor bill. It is believed this amount will be ample to construct the first or lower lock.

CORTELYOU TO SUCCEED SHAW

Will Become Secretary of Treasury in
Another Year.

Washington, March 28.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has signified his intention of retiring from public office on February 1, 1906, at the end of a four-year term. It is reported in official circles in Washington that Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou will succeed him. No authorized statement has been made on this point, but the assumption is generally accepted as correct.

Sweeping Increase in Wages.

Pittsburg, March 27.—Officials of the United States Steel corporation are reported to have completed all plans preparatory to making the announcement of a sweeping wage increase to go into effect Saturday, April 1. The amount of the increase is not known at present, but it is stated that, with the exception of tonnage men in the steel mills, all employes will receive the full amount of the former reduction. The total increase, they say, will approximate \$9,000,000. The advance will affect 90,000 workmen in this district.

Washington Building Falls.

St. Louis, March 27.—While workmen were razing the tall building erected by the state of Washington at the World's fair, the building suddenly collapsed and three men were injured. The work of demolition had been in progress since the first of the month. All but three of the gigantic 110-foot timber props that peculiarly characterized the construction of the building had been taken down. While workmen were taking down another the building fell.