

BEEF PACKERS NOT GUILTY, SAYS JURY

NO VIOLATION OF SHERMAN LAW SHOWN

J. Ogden Armour and Nine Other Chicago Packers Are Discharged by Judge Carpenter Immediately Following Receipt of Verdict.

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CHICAGO, March 26.—After deliberating peacefully eighteen hours, the jury in the United States district court here returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of J. Ogden Armour and nine other Chicago millionaires beef packers, charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The wealth of the defendants affected by the jury's decision aggregates \$190,000,000. The defendants were: J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour and company; Louis F. Swift, president of Swift and company; Edward F. Swift, vice president of Swift and company; Charles H. Swift, director of Swift and company; Edward Tider, president of the National Packing company; Arthur Meeker, general manager of Armour and company; Edward Morris, president of Morris and company; Francis A. Fowler, director of Swift and company; Thomas J. Cantors, superintendent of Armour and company and Louis H. Heyman, manager of Nelson Morris and company.

A scene of wild disorder was enacted in the court room when the verdict was announced. All ten defendants were present and their lawyers and friends gathered around and enthusiastically congratulated on the outcome of the long fight.

Judge Carpenter made no comment on the verdict. He at once discharged the jury and the defendants and retired to his chambers.

The packers and their lawyers left the court room together and went to the offices of the National Packing company, where an informal reception was held.

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PORTLAND, March 25.—Preparations are today being made by the Portland Ad Club to prosecute several Portland merchants for alleged fraudulent advertisement. A. A. Schell, chairman of the committee in charge of the prosecuting, said that the evidence was already gathered and that a number of "get rich quick" concerns will be punished as severely as the law allows.

POLITICAL DAFFYDIL DAY FOR MUTT AND JEFF



SI EDWARD
Which is Mutt?
Which is Jeff?
And why?

This great contest closes March 31st. Mail your guesses to the Mutt Editor, Mail Tribune. Names will be withheld upon request.

Say, Jeff, if Bob Dew should run for governor would Billy Grove?

No, Matt, it looks better for Bill Daley.

So you don't think he'll Leever? No, it can't be Dem.

Why? He must pay the Coleman, the Taylor, and the Miller.

Well maybe so, but to hold his office would Judge Neil?

No, Wilbert?

I don't think so, it might bring Hartman all of them.

Then wouldn't Wolf howl? Yes, and he wouldn't Barkdall! Nor Singler, but plural.

But say, Jeff, do you think Narrows get there?

If Briggs don't soil too fast. They can't go like a Carlin.

Wells?

Would create a Florry. Aw—don't Lyman!

I ain't, but Watkin you do if I do? Get out your face.

Then I'd Wakenman, and Rex my wath on you.

Let peace Rah! All right, Mutt, let's sing that beautiful little lullaby, "Oh you beautiful job—or the candidate's reputation."

What Key? Malkey, you boob!

Oh, I Seely. (They sing.)

Oh you beautiful job! You great big beautiful job!

I know all about you. And I can't do without you, Oh you beautiful job.

You great big beautiful job, I am out to nail you, As a candidate I nail you, Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!

Oh! you beautiful job!

WANTS \$20,000 A MONTH FOR TARIFF BOARD

President Taft in Transmitting Report of Tariff Board on Cotton Schedule, Vigorously Defends That Body and Asks More Money

Message Marks Opening Gun in the Fight for the Existence of the Board

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Recommendation for the downward revision of duties on cotton goods and demand for further funds for the tariff board were contained in a special message sent to congress today by President Taft, transmitting the report of the tariff board on the cotton schedule.

A portion of the message is devoted to a vigorous defense of the tariff board, at the conclusion of which the president demands an emergency appropriation to supply the organization with \$20,000 a month with which to continue its work.

The democrats in the house of representatives have practically determined to cut off all appropriations for the board and the president's message thus marks the opening gun in the fight for the existence of the board.

Voluntinous Report.

The cotton report consisted of a voluntinous detailed discussion of conditions in the cotton industry in the United States and foreign countries, but the labor factor in the production of cotton received scant consideration. The conclusions of the board were set forth in the message as follows:

"On account of the different mill methods, the domestic labor cost of weaving on a large variety of plain fabrics of wide consumption has been reduced below the foreign cost. Except in the case of a few special fabrics and various manufactured articles, some of which are produced in this country to a very limited extent, the American industry supplies practically the whole consumption. Mill prices in many cases are as low here as in foreign markets, where prices are rarely lower by anything like the whole amount of duty."

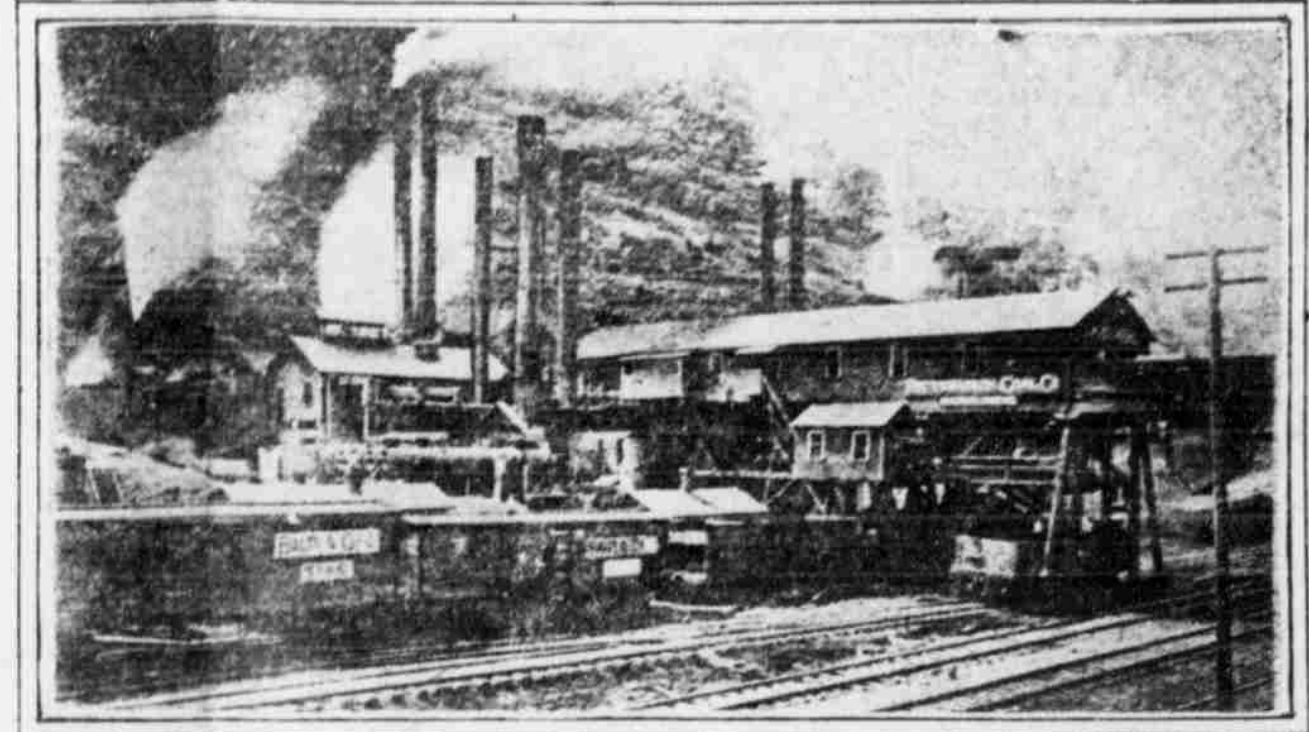
"The effect of the present tariff, then, in most cases is not so much to add duty to the manufacturer's price as to secure him the American market, and in most articles if widest consumption, to prevent competition of the foreign manufacturer."

Cost of distribution.

"On account of more costly methods of distribution in this country from producer to consumer, the latter pays a decidedly higher retail price"

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83 MINERS ARE ENTOMBED IN DEATH DEALING MINE



Building and plant at the mouth of the shaft leading to the Jed mine.

AFTER-DAMP IN WORKINGS MAKES RESCUE REMOTE

Only Three Men Out of Entire Force at Work Escaped—Large Number of Men Were About to Go to Work When Accident Occurred.

WELCH, W. Va., March 26.—Only 13 of the 86 miners entombed today in the mine of the United States Coal & Coke company at Jed, three miles from here, as the result of a gas explosion, are accounted for. Three men escaped when the explosion occurred and 10 more were rescued alive this afternoon. One body was also recovered.

WELCH, W. Va., March 26.—Eighty-three miners were entombed in the mine of the United States Coal & Coke company at Jed, three miles from here, today as a result of an explosion at 7:30 o'clock.

Eighty-six men were working in the mine at the time of the explosion, and only three escaped. After-damp pervades the workings, and it is feared there is but slight chance of rescuing any of the imprisoned workers alive.

The time of the explosion was most fortunate as the day crew had not gone on as yet.

Miners have organized rescue parties, and the United States mine bureau has been asked to rush aid. Chief Holmes of the bureau is expected to arrive with a force of rescuers equipped with oxygen helmets. The output of the Jed mine goes to the United States Steel corporation.

The Jed mine worked both day and night shifts, employing non-union whites and negroes on both shifts. Heavy smoke and fumes issued from the mouth of the mine immediately after the explosion, but this soon disappeared. It is not believed the mine is burning but probably a part of the workings have been wrecked.

Nearly all the victims were married men.

ALLENS CONTINUE TO ELUDE POSSES ON THEIR TRAIL

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 26.—Success continues to greet the fugitive Allen outlaws in their attempt to elude the police today, the twelfth day of the search for the bandits. Detectives have been unable to report except that they have been several times close to Sidna Allen and his nephews, and hope soon to run them down.

Judge Staples will empanel a grand jury to return new indictments against the Allen tomorrow. A date for the trial of Floyd and Victor Allen, Sidna Edwards and Byrd Marston will be set at this time, April 15 being the probable day.

TWO KILLED BY EXPLOSION

CHICAGO, March 26.—Two persons are known to be dead, four badly injured and six missing as the result of an explosion in the furnace of the McCormack Harvester Works at Blue Island, Ill., today which wrecked the factory.

PORTLAND, Ore.—I walk in the night air to collect my thoughts, W. W. Mueckles, coroner, told the judge, explaining nocturnal ramblings. "I'm a collector myself," said the court. "Ten dollars, please."

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

A movement has been launched in this city to form a company of the Oregon National Guard. Already 25 or 30 young men have signed the roll. The first meeting was held at the Medford hotel last evening and much progress made.

Colonel Mayo of the Second Oregon Infantry visited Medford recently and started the movement. Success seems assured at present.

30,000 ARE OUT OF WORK

LOWELL, Mass., March 26.—More than 30,000 textile mill workers were thrown out of employment here today, when the owners of every mill except the Lawrence company plant announced that they would close down. This action followed a strike of operatives at Hamilton, Mass., in the Bost and Prescott mills.

KOEHLER IS GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 26.—Albert Koehler, the confessed murderer of Miss Anna Miller, his cousin, whom he chopped to pieces with a hatchet in the kitchen of her home after a quarrel last week, was today sentenced to life imprisonment.

COST OF HONOR MEN LESS THAN \$1000 A MONTH

Figures compiled at the county seat in Medford during the past few days that the honor men at work on the Crater Lake highway are costing the county \$1800 a month. Records show that Jackson county has spent to date the sum of \$4579.59 on the camp, which includes the commissary, and between \$800 and \$900 worth of supplies still on hand. This including supplies on hand would be an average expenditure of \$915.91 per month.

The records show that the expenditures per month have been: October, \$717.88; November, \$1850.06; December, \$489.58; January, \$207.63; February, \$657.22.

GIVES UP HOPE; WHISKERS OFF

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., March 26.—After wearing whiskers since the day of William J. Bryan's first defeat in 1896, James C. Waite, a farmer here, is shaven today, having broken his vow not to molest his beard until Bryan sat in the White House.

For years he had worn his facial appendage wound about a reel anchored on his breast beneath his coat to avoid stepping on it.

Waite made his vow of hirsute chastity while a ribbon clerk in a St. Louis department store.

TEDDY SPENDING MUCH MONEY

NEW YORK, March 26.—That the Roosevelt forces are spending more money in their primary campaign to secure for Colonel Roosevelt the republican presidential nomination than has ever been used at any previous primary in New York, even by the Tammany forces, is the charge made here today by Samuel Koenig, chairman of the New York county republican committee.

Koenig declared that he knew the Roosevelt supporters "distributed \$75,000 in the county alone, and are spending lavishly everywhere in the state where there are contests."

The Roosevelt followers ridiculed Koenig's statement. Of the 43 districts in New York state, President Taft will get 24 uncontested delegates and Roosevelt one uncontested. Of the other 18 districts, the Taft men publicly claim all, but privately they concede eight districts to Roosevelt.

LEADERS ON STOCK MARKET FALTER

NEW YORK, March 26.—Today's opening stock market divided gains and losses about equally. Most of the leaders, including American Smelting, United States Steel, Amalgamated Copper and Union Pacific were losers, the first named being down a full point. Denver and the Grande rose 1, and Canadian Pacific was up a fraction. Later some of the leaders recovered partially. Heading was strong under a good demand. The market closed steady. Bonds were firm.

NO PRIMARY LAW IN WASHINGTON

SEATTLE, March 26.—Governor Hay today turned down the demand of the progressives for a special session of the legislature to pass a presidential primary preference law. Hay is a Taft man. Both the La Follette and the Roosevelt forces have petitioned for the special session, but Hay on his return from San Francisco today definitely announced that he would not grant the request of the progressives.

Florida Fastest of Fleet

ROCKLAND, Maine, March 26.—With a record of 22.24 knots on her standardization trip over the Rockland course, the new government-built battleship Florida today claims the record for the fastest dreadnaught in the American navy and perhaps in the world. The British dreadnaught Vanguard, with 22.50 knots was considered previously the fastest battleship afloat.

CRUSHING DEFEAT ADMINISTERED GEN. OROZCO

MEXICO CITY, March 26.—Turning defeat into victory after their leader, General Gonzales Salaz committed suicide federal troops near Jimenez reformed and administered a crushing defeat to the rebels under General Pascual Orozco, according to dispatches received here today by war department officials.

General Salaz, who left the war ministry to take active charge in Chihuahua for President Madero, met General Orozco in battle at Corralitos twenty miles south of Jimenez. With General Orozco, at the head of his troops, the federals were driven back, their losses in killed, wounded and captured amounting, according to reports, to hundreds.

General Salaz and part of his party retreated toward Torreon. Suddenly General Salaz drew his revolver, and before any of his staff officers could interfere, sent a bullet into his own brain. He died instantly.

Re-forming quickly, the remnant of Salaz' army surprised the rebels by a sudden attack, capturing 71 is reported several rebel troops and leaving a many more dead on the field. Orozco is reported to have retreated in the direction of Jimenez, and another clash is expected before night.



GENERAL PASCUAL OROZCO.

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