

Another Packing House Report

President Roosevelt has forwarded to Representative Wadsworth of the house committee on agriculture a report made to the president by a committee of the department of agriculture regarding conditions in the Chicago meat packing houses. This report shows similar conditions as those described in the Neill-Reynolds report.

Accompanying the report is a letter from the president as follows:

"The White House, Washington, D. C., June 8, 1906.—My Dear Mr. Wadsworth: In accordance with your request I send you herewith the two reports of inspection by the committee appointed by the department of agriculture on April 5 and 13. This committee had already been appointed when I notified the secretary that I desired that such a commission should

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The time to adjust the Bowels is the very minute you suspect they need adjustment.

—If your tongue is slightly coated,

—If your breath is under suspicion,

—If your head feels a trifle heavy or dull,

—If digestion seems even a little slow,

—If Heartburn, Belching, Colic or Restlessness begin to show themselves.

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be appointed in order to make the investigation. Subsequent complaints to me and the consideration of complaints already made showed that the charges were not only against the packing houses, but also to a certain extent reflected upon the action of the government inspectors and I came to the conclusion that it was best to have an investigation by outside individuals who could not be charged with being in any way interested in the matter.

"Accordingly before the completion of the investigation by the department of agriculture I directed Mr. Neill and Mr. Reynolds to make an investigation, the first report of which has been laid before congress. Much testimony has been offered to us which has not been considered in this report, for Mr. Neill and Mr. Reynolds in this report confine themselves to stating in more or less summary way the facts as to which they had been eye-witnesses; and what they have said can not be successfully controverted. Some of the ground traversed by Messrs. Neill and Reynolds is not touched upon in the report of the committee of the agricultural department. As to the ground covered in common by the reports of the two investigating committees, there is no conflict in substance as to the important matters, although there is a marked difference in emphasis, this being partially due to the greater length and detail of the report of the committee of the department of agriculture. In my judgment the emphasis of the report of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds is abundantly justified by the facts.

"To show the immediate and extraordinary change for the better which the mere fact of their investigation is already bringing about in the conditions of the packing houses in Chicago, it is only necessary to instance the following portions of a letter received from a most competent and trustworthy witness in Chicago—whose name I will give the committee if it so desires: 'Chicago, Friday, June 1. —On Monday I began a tour of all the great packing houses, going first to Libby's then Swift's. Thursday all the morning discussed changes that ought to be made and caught a glimpse of the awakening at Armour's. In the afternoon visited the plant with the superintendent.

"Wednesday I rested and contemplated the 'awakening of Packing-town.' It is miraculous. Thursday did Nelson Morris, with the superintendent. Nelson Morris has done much to make things better. By the time the next inspecting party arrives they will have still more new lavatories, toilet rooms, dressing rooms, etc. Cuspidors everywhere and signs prohibiting spitting. In most, the awakening seemed to come by force from without. There was the slightest indication that the 'still small voice' was at work also.

"At Armour's, at my suggestion—I made no pretense of making an investigation, but frankly announced my desire to see things for myself, and to get a fresh impression of conditions, as I had not seen the plants since before the strike. On every hand there was indication of an almost humorous haste to clean up, repave, and even to plan for future changes. New toilet rooms, new dressing rooms, new towels, etc., etc. Swift's and Armour's were both so cleaned up that I was compelled to cheer them on their way by expressing my pleasure at the changes. The sausage girls were moved upstairs where they could get sun and light, they to have dressing rooms, etc. I asked for showers and lockers for the casing workers at Armour's and got a promise that they would put

them in. The canning and stuffing room, chip beef and beef extract at Armour's seemed really quite good. In all of these rooms the girls work. At Libby's the girls are to be put into a blue calico uniform which they will buy at half price. They are putting in toilet rooms which they say are temporary and that when the building is remodelled they will have these put in a better place. The haste towards reform would have been amusing if it were not so nearly tragic.

"They tried to win my help on the ground that loss of foreign trade would mean hardship for the workers in my neighborhood, and I must say I do share this fear, that I can not see the wisdom of my coming out publicly and saying that I saw indications of an awakening, for I want the changes to be radical and permanent even though we all have to suffer for the present."

"I wish to repeat that my investigations are not yet through. I am not prepared to make a final statement, either as to so much of the complaints as concern the bureau of animal industry or as to certain of the graver charges in connection with the adulteration of meat products as well as other matters. But enough has been developed in my judgment to call for immediate thoroughgoing and radical enlargement of the powers of the government in inspecting all meats which enter into interstate and foreign commerce. Unfortunately the misdeeds of those who are responsible for the abuses we design to cure will bring discredit and damage not only upon them but upon the innocent stock growers, the ranchmen and farmers of the country. The only way to permanently protect and benefit these innocent stock growers, the farmers and ranchmen, is to secure by law the thorough and adequate inspection for which I have asked. Sincerely yours, 'THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

A GOOD RECORD

Lieut.-Gen. John C. Bates, who was retired recently, is a very different type of officer from most of the generals he leaves behind him on the active list. A junior officer during the civil war, with unusual experience as aide to a hard-working general like Meade, he was essentially a product of the old school, in which men were so old-fashioned as not to have realized the advantages of political pulls and specially attached war correspondents. So, Gen. Bates, instead of being jumped from captain to general, worked his way up through every grade, with the unqualified respect and liking of his brother officers, who look upon his career as a model one. Wherever employed, whether in the civil war or on riot or Indian duty in the west; whether as commander of a brigade at Santiago, governor of a province in Cuba, or chief of staff of the army, he did his work quietly, modestly, and well, with no blowing of trumpets. His retire-

ment leaves only sixty-one civil war veterans on the active list of the army, and other retirements will further reduce that number to fifty-four by the end of the year—an extraordinary reduction from the five or six hundred who were carried on the rolls of 1898. But of those who have preceded Gen. Bates into retirement since that date, none have left behind them a finer example for the new generation of officers to whom the fortunes of the army are now entrusted than John C. Bates. When his virtues are finally summed up, not the least will be his refusal to give out Jingo interviews, to demand an enormous army, and to use his high position to increase the appetite for war.—New York Evening Post.

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