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## MEAT DISCLOSURES.

### PRESIDENT SENDS SHARP MESSAGE ON NEILL REPORT.

**Says Conditions as Shown by Report Call for Quick Action by Congress. Inspectors Say Chicago Concerns Are Filthy and Unsanitary.**

Washington, June 5.—President Roosevelt transmitted to congress the report of Reynolds and Neill on the condition of packing houses and the methods used in the preparation of food products at Chicago. In his special message the president says:

"I transmit herewith the report of James Bronson Reynolds and Commissioner Charles P. Neill, the special committee whom I appointed to investigate the conditions in the stock yards of Chicago and report thereon to me. This report is of a preliminary nature. I submit it to you now because it shows the urgent need of immediate action by the congress in the direction of providing drastic and thorough-going inspection by the federal government of all stock yards and packing houses and of their products, so far as the latter enter into interstate or foreign commerce. The conditions shown by even this short inspection to exist in the Chicago stock yards are revolting. It is imperatively necessary, in the interest of decency, that they should be radically changed. Under the existing law it is wholly impossible to secure satisfactory results."

"The report shows that the stock yards and packing houses are not kept even reasonably clean, and that the method of preparing and handling food products is uncleanly and dangerous to health. Under existing law the national government has no power to force inspection of the many forms of prepared meat foods, products that are daily going from the packing house into interstate commerce.

"I call special attention to the fact that this report is preliminary, and that the investigation is still unfinished. It is not yet possible to report on the alleged abuses in the use of deleterious chemical compounds in connection with canning and preserving meat products, nor on the alleged doctoring in this fashion of tainted meat and of products returned to the packers as having grown unsalable from age or from other reasons. Grave allegations are made in reference to abuses of this nature.

"I urge the immediate enactment into law of provisions which will enable the department of agriculture adequately to inspect the meat and meat food products entering into interstate commerce and supervise the methods of preparing the same, and to prescribe the sanitary conditions under which the work shall be performed."

#### Summary of the Report.

The report says that in many of the rooms where water is used freely the floors are soaked and slimy and the dark and dingy rooms are naturally not kept suitably clean.

An absence of cleanliness was found everywhere in the handling of meat being prepared for the various meat food products.

The parts that are sent from the cooling room to these departments where various forms of meat products are prepared are handled with no regard whatever for cleanliness.

The workers climb over heaps of meat, select the pieces they wish and frequently throw them down upon the dirty floor beside their bench.

"In a word," the report adds, "we saw meat shoveled from filthy wooden floors, piled on tables rarely washed, pushed from room to room in rotten box carts, in all of which processes it was in the way of gathering dirt, splinters, floor filth. It was always the reply that this meat would afterwards be cooked and that this sterilization would prevent any danger from its use. A very considerable portion of the meat so handled is sent out as smoked products and in the form of sausages, which are prepared to be eaten without being cooked."

The report arraigns the sanitary provisions in buildings as abominable and says men and women plunge their unwashed hands into the meat to be converted into food products. The report says the burden of protecting the cleanliness and wholesomeness of the products and the health of the workers and improving the conditions must fall upon the national government.

Tuberculosis victims expectorate on the spongy wooden floors of the dark workrooms from which falling scraps of meat are later shoveled up to be later converted into food products.

"Even the ordinary decencies of life are completely ignored," says the report, in discussing the arrangements for men and women employes. The report says:

"The whole situation as we saw it in these huge establishments tends necessarily and inevitably to the moral degradation of thousands of workers who are forced to spend their working hours under conditions that are entirely unnecessary and unpardonable and which are a constant menace not only to their own health, but to the health of those who use the food products prepared by them."

#### Berthe Claiche Sentenced.

New York, June 5.—Berthe Claiche, who pleaded guilty of manslaughter in the first degree for the killing of Emil Gerdron, was sentenced to not less than two years and two months nor more than five years' imprisonment by Judge Davis. The maximum penalty for the crime is twenty years.

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

#### Fire at Bartley, Neb.

Bartley, Neb., June 5.—Fire destroyed the Dodd & Dodd store, loss, \$8,000; the A. J. Cramer store, loss, \$6,000, and the Jones building, loss, \$1,500.

#### Will File Bill of Exceptions.

Lincoln, June 4.—Attorney General Brown will file a bill of exceptions in the supreme court today, urging that Referee Pemberton's findings be disapproved. The decision of the referee concerning the Junkin law and the decision concerning rebating will be attacked.

#### Bug Is Found Inside Egg.

Lincoln, June 6.—The presence of a bug, nearly an inch long, inside the shell of a comparatively fresh egg is puzzling several Lincoln people. While preparing breakfast Mrs. J. H. Howe had occasion to break an egg into a clean saucer. She was amazed to find the insect imbedded in the white of the egg, not touching the yolk. The matter was referred to Professor Bruner of the state university, who has not yet offered an explanation of the mystery.

#### Burglars Ransack Mortensen's House.

Ord, Neb., June 1.—State Treasurer Peter Mortensen has been robbed. He returned to his home here Tuesday to discover that his residence had been ransacked by burglars since his last visit from Lincoln about two months ago. Treasurer Mortensen made the discovery himself upon opening up his residences, which has been closed during his absence. He found the interior in a topsy-turvy state. He stated that nothing of very great value was taken by the thieves.

#### Mob Stones Minister.

Lincoln, June 6.—The Rev. D. W. Wilt, pastor of a church at Havelock, a town near this city, was pursued by a mob and stones and eggs were hurled at him. Wilt had appeared before the city council of Havelock to protest against the granting of certain saloon licenses. During the hearing a mob gathered around the city hall and when the preacher and his temperance friends started home they were surrounded by the mob. No one was badly hurt, but the crowd threatened the minister until he was safely inside his home.

#### Fifteen Firemen Overcome by Gas.

Omaha, June 4.—From an insignificant fire, which broke out in the fifth floor store room of Hayden Bros. department store Sunday afternoon, several hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock was damaged by smoke and water. Fifteen firemen and a police surgeon were overcome by carbonic acid gas from the fumes of the burning woodwork. It is thought that none of the firemen will die, although some are in a very precarious condition. Fire Chief Salter and Assistant Chief J. W. Simpson are among those who were overcome.

#### Bogus Insurance Contracts.

Lincoln, June 4.—Insurance Deputy Pierce has discovered bogus insurance contracts in existence in Nebraska. They are issued by men who erect lightning rods and purport to guarantee the owners of property against loss by lightning. The contracts have been issued to farmers near Plattsmouth and purport to indemnify them in the sum of \$500 for a period of five years. Pierce makes this announcement: "An examination of the document showed that it not only was not an insurance policy, but that it was a fake as far as being a guaranty agreement is concerned, and that it was not a valid, binding contract which can be enforced at law."

#### Dennis and Sons Bound Over.

Broken Bow, Neb., June 1.—The preliminary hearing of Charles Dennis and two small sons, Johnny and Harvey, charged with killing George Morrison on May 18, was held before Judge Humphrey. Mrs. Morrison, the widow, testified that on the afternoon of the tragedy her husband was working on a boundary fence in front of

the house, that Dennis approached with an armed boy on each side of him to within a short distance, when Johnny, aged eleven, drew up his rifle and fired the fatal shot. The defense advanced reasons for the father's discharge, but his honor refused to entrain them, binding the prisoners over to the district court in the sum of \$5,000.

#### LUMBER DEALERS MAKE DENIAL

**Allegations of Trust Denied in Brief Filed in Supreme Court.**

Lincoln, June 2.—Nebraska lumber dealers deny all allegations of a trust or a combine. Attorney E. B. Berry of Cambridge filed an answer in the supreme court in behalf of the Perry & Bee company and several other lumber dealers named in the petition of Attorney General Brown charging a trust and a combination on the part of the Nebraska dealers.

Perry alleges that there is no combine. He asserts that the attorney general was asked to pass on the legality of the organization and until the petition was filed in the supreme court the attorney general hazarded no intimation that the actions of the association were unlawful.

It is stated that the lumber dealers are making smaller profits than at any time in years. Lumber has advanced, it is alleged, and the dealers have not advanced the price to the consumer in proportion to the increase demanded by the mills, feeling that it would be unwise to do so.

#### Diamond Eater on Trial.

Omaha, June 5.—The county attorney has refused to consent to an operation on Mae Hayes to recover a \$300 diamond which she had stolen and swallowed. He intends to try her for larceny on Thursday.

#### Chamberlain Given Five Years.

Tecumseh, Neb., June 1.—District Judge Roper refused Charles M. Chamberlain a new trial and sentenced him to the penitentiary for five years. Chamberlain was last week convicted of wrecking the Chamberlain bank of Tecumseh.

#### State Board Goes to Norfolk.

Lincoln, June 5.—Members of the state board of public lands and buildings will go to Norfolk tomorrow to investigate the Norfolk asylum scandals. Attorney J. M. Stewart will represent Governor Mickey. The first hearing will be held Thursday.

#### Burlington Bridge at Sioux City.

Sioux City, June 6.—A bridge across the Missouri river at Sioux City will be built by the Burlington and the Great Northern railroads. This statement was made by Daniel Willard of Chicago, vice president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad company. He said Burlington trains would be running into Sioux City over the new Ashland extension by July 1.

#### Two Die in Convulsions.

Broken Bow, Neb., June 5.—Howard Athey, aged twenty-six, and a girl of fourteen years, named Swick, living in the Middle Loup settlement, near here, died in convulsions after a few hours' illness. Three doctors who were summoned attribute the deaths to food poisoning as a result of eating pickles. The liquid in which the pickles were preserved has been sent to Omaha for analysis.

#### Adulterated Butter Seized.

New York, June 4.—It turned out that Internal Revenue Collector Charles W. Anderson of New York and Revenue Agent John H. Sinsel of Washington had seized within the last three days 46,000 pounds of butter in refrigerating warehouses in New York city on the charge that it was adulterated. This butter came from Nebraska and South Dakota and from tests made 6,000 pounds have already been forfeited to the government because of the adulteration of from 20 to 38 per cent.

#### Wants a Rigid Inspection.

Omaha, June 6.—A long telegram was forwarded by the South Omaha live stock exchange to congress urging a rigid inspection of meat at the packing houses, but demanding that the cost should be borne by the government. A second message was sent to Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department asking him to issue a formal statement to the effect that the products of the larger packing houses are inspected by agents of the bureau of animal industry and that meats found unfit for food are destroyed by them.

#### In Doubt.

Ethel (who is not famous for her good looks)—I don't see why you should call Miss Whitmore plain. I'm sure I only wish I were half as good looking as she is. Fred—You are, Ethel; you know you are. (And Ethel is wondering whether he meant to compliment her.)

#### Firmness of Purpose.

Firmness of purpose is one of the most necessary elements of character and one of the best instruments of success. Without it genius wastes its efforts in a maze of inconsistencies.—Chesterfield.

## Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

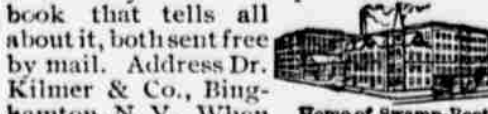
### How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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