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**PROFITS OF PACKERS  
 DOUBLE AND TREBLE**

Witnesses Before the Senate Agricultural Committee Test Facts on the Packers

Washington, D. C.—Food administration regulations neither regulated profits of the meat packers nor benefited the public or the consumers, Stuart Chase, and expert accountant employed by the federal trade commission, told the senate agricultural committee in presenting figures to show that profits of the big packing concerns had doubled and trebled during the war. Mr. Chase, who was testifying at hearings on the Kendrick bill providing for government supervision of the meat industry, said no one knows accurately what the packers' earnings are because their methods of bookkeeping have the effect of covering up their profits. He declared, however, that examinations by the commission of the books of Armour & Co., Morris & Co., Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., and the Cudahy company showed their aggregate profits in 1912 were \$18,715,000, and in 1917, \$95,639,000.

Based on capital stock, Mr. Chase said Morris & Co. profits in 1917 were 167.7 per cent, and that on the same basis Armour & Co.'s profits in 1916 were 114.2 per cent. Because of a later increase in capital stock the percentage of Armour & Co. dropped to 27.1 in 1917. Swift & Co.'s profits in 1917 on the same basis were 63 per cent, while those of the Cudahy company in 1917 were 23.2 per cent based on capital stock and surplus. Wilson & Co.'s earnings for the same year were 29.6 per cent on the combined capital and surplus.

The witness said Thomas Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., receives an annual salary of \$125,000, and Vice-President Valentine of Armour & Co., receives \$50,000 salary annually, with a bonus of \$35,000. He said he thought Vice President White also receives the same amount while President Morris, of Morris & Co., is paid \$50,000 salary, with \$25,000 additional for being president of a stockyards company.

Senator Norris of Nebraska sought to ascertain from Mr. Chase as to whether the packers' books showed any expenditures made for the purpose of influencing legislation. The witness said he recalled seeing entries in Armour & Co.'s books showing the payment of legal fees to attorneys, principally in state capitals, for services in introducing and watching legislatures. He said he did not believe the whole amount would exceed \$50,000.

Hugh Malsaac and Dr. A. B. Adams, investigators for the federal trade commission at the time of its recent packers' investigation, testified relative to the examination of various papers in the Chicago office vaults of Henry Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co.

**JAPANESE SEND US  
 MUCH POTATO FLOUR**

While U. S. Potato Growers Sleep on Job, Japanese Send Flour Which Brought Twelve Cents Pound

Ottawa, Canada—Prof. E. W. Jackson of the Manitoba Agricultural College has written a treatise on potato flour and its uses, in the course of which he says: "The Japanese who did not know what potatoes were at the beginning of this war, are now growing 35,000,000 bushels or four times the Manitoba crop and last year shipped 400,000 pounds of potato flour to the United States, where the average selling price was 12c per pound. In 1913 Germany produced 1,750,000 bushels of potatoes, one half of which was converted into potato flour or starch to make it imperishable and therefore marketable. In this way the plenty of one year can be stored up for another or future years and no doubt, these vast reserves enabled Germany to withstand the blockade."

Three hundred thousand dollars worth of 't' is potato flour was sent in 1913 to the United States, where it was used to make bread, for thickening soups, and for making fancy pastries. On factory in Little Holland dried 33,000 bushels of potatoes every 24 hours. A special variety is grown which yields 500 bushels per acre. One hundred and thirty-seven pounds of potatoes make 25 pounds of potato flour and at a cost of 3 3/4 cents per pound. From this special variety of potatoes, Holland made 346,000,000 pounds of first-grade flour last year at a cost of \$70 per ton, so it is apparent that we might or they would not be sacrificed at 25c per bushel when potato flour is selling at 12c per pound, and can be manufactured at a cost of 3 3/4c per pound; although it is claimed that it would cost 8c per pound to dry potatoes in this country. But surely what Holland and Japan can do we can do. There are now six plants in the United States making natural potato flour. In 1917, 6,000,000 bushels of potatoes were dehydrated into natural potato flour which is better than the German or Japanese product, which is simply starch."

**Muskrat Hunters  
 Making A Clean-Up**

High Prices being Paid for Fur Bearing Animals Causes Hunters to Make Big Sums

Western Nebraska muskrat trappers and hunters are cleaning up in good shape this winter. One trapper is reported to have caught 1,000 rats in ten days and another one 1200 rats in fourteen days. The skins are bringing from \$1.00 to \$2.50 each. Thousands of the rats are being caught every week in the lake districts in the sandhills.

It is reported that a number of the hunters are leasing lakes from ranchmen for trapping purposes and planning to do their trapping and hunting late in April and May in the hope of getting many more rats because of the younger ones. These men will find themselves in serious difficulty if they delay their trapping after February 15th as the state law plainly says: "It shall be unlawful for any person, between the 15th day of February and the 1st day of November, next ensuing of each year, to trap, catch, kill, or to pursue with such intent on the premises of another, any fur bearing animal, to-wit: muskrat, mink, raccoon, opossum, or otter." A fine of twenty dollars is the penalty for each offense.

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Advice from Washington under date of January 17th state that the potash industry of Nebraska is in no danger of competition from the Alsace product. The dispatch stated, "Shipment of potash from Alsace-Lorraine to the United States cannot be started pending decision as to the mines, officials were informed today in dispatches from Paris. Potash from Alsace-Lorraine is being furnished to agricultural interests only in carload lots and the best information obtainable in France is that the French government will consume all available potash for some time. Inability to import the commodity from Alsace, it was said, would operate as a protection to the industry in this country."

John Krause, R. M. Hampton and C. A. Newberry, heavy stockholders in the Alliance potash plant at Antioch, went east Sunday noon on important business connected with the potash company.

**NOTICE TO HOME GUARDS**

A meeting of the Box Butte Home Guards will be held at the armory in Alliance on Friday evening, January 31st, starting at 7:30 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to attend, as there will be important business. This will be the last meeting and the guards will be demobilized at that time. Uniforms and equipment should be brought to the armory. Those bringing all equipment will be allowed to retain their uniforms.  
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