

PACKERS SPLIT \$500,000 STOCK YARD DONATION

Given Half Million to Keep Out of Cleveland; Federal Trade Commission Will Help Small Dealers.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Difficulties of independent packing firms in competing with the "big five" occupied today's session of the federal trade commission's hearing.

All the great packing houses were given \$500,000 of stock in the Cleveland stock yards last year, after they had threatened to establish a yard there themselves. Attorney Francis J. Heney, special counsel for the federal trade commission, declared at the packers' hearing here today.

Prevent Unfairness.
The commission and the Department of Justice both have the power to prevent alleged unfair trade practices in an effort to put small competitors out of business. Mr. Heney declared after reading affidavits from independent packing firms, charging price cutting by the big firms.

"I have tried to make it clear to all the small firms that the commission and the Department of Justice have such authority," Mr. Heney told the commission.

"Not only the power, but also the desire," interjected Commissioner Colver.

Two Independents Left.
"Elimination of the small packers is going on right now while this investigation is in progress," Mr. Heney replied. "There are only two independents left between the Rocky mountains and the Mississippi river; one in Ottumwa, Ia., and the other in Austin, Minn."

Their territory has been apportioned among the big packers in an effort to put them out of business, and Wilson & Co. has been trying to buy out the Minnesota plant. I have evidence on that to introduce later.

Big Stick Threat.
"Apparently nothing will stop the big packers except the big stick landing on them."

An affidavit from C. W. R. Thelan, general manager of the Reiland Packing company of Grand Rapids, Wis., charged that the big packers sold for 11 1/2 cents to 12 1/2 cents a pound in competition with the Reiland firm the same beef which they priced at 14 1/2 cents to 15 cents in territories where the Reiland firm did no business.

"That's price discrimination," said Commissioner Murdock.

"The big packers can afford to stand local losses for ten years, if necessary, to put competitors down," Mr. Heney replied, "because their profits elsewhere more than take care of such losses."

No Competition in "Big Five."
With the intention of showing that competition between the big packers virtually has been eliminated by understanding regarding all business, three letters were introduced concerning a proposal to go into the El Paso market.

Arthur Meeker, vice president of Armour & Co., wrote Lewis F. Swift March 15, 1915, asking "how do you feel about our going to El Paso?"

Swift replied he didn't think the El Paso connection was important for the Fort Worth stock yards.

A memorandum from Charles H. Swift to Lewis F. Swift, dated October 31, 1916, gave a list of transshipments of cattle said to have been made by various big packers.

Mr. Heney introduced this, he said, with the intention of showing that there were more cattle at these points named than needed by the big packers and that the existence of other independent firms was justifiable.

"In transshipping cattle the packers were going in the face of economic law and adding the cost to the consumer," Commissioner Murdock announced.

Federal Bread Expert Will Attend Bakers' Hearing

Omaha bakers have refused to sell bread at wholesale at 7 1/2 cents per pound, despite direct orders by State Food Administrator Wattles.

This breach of obedience to the order of the food administrator is what has led Mr. Wattles to summon them to appear at the office in the Union Pacific building Thursday morning to bring their face to figures to show why they maintain they cannot afford to bake bread for that price.

If in this hearing they cannot show to the satisfaction of the food administrator and the expert who will be present that 7 1/2 cents is too low, the food administrator will have sufficient grounds for revoking their licenses, if they continue to refuse to sell at that price.

Mr. Wattles has received definite assurance that a bread expert from the federal food administration is on the way from Washington to attend the meeting.

Banks Oversubscribe

U. S. Treasury Certificate
Washington, Jan. 30.—The issue of \$400,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness which closed last night was heavily oversubscribed, the Treasury department announced today.

The allotments will be made as soon as all subscriptions are reported.

The certificates are payable April 22.

"Smileage" Campaign Nets

Third of Million Dollars

Washington, Jan. 30.—Nearly \$360,000 worth of "smileage" books containing tickets for use at army camp theaters have been sold in the national campaign to provide better amusements for men in service, it was announced today.

S. O. S. Call From British

Steamer; Reports Mutiny

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 30.—A call for assistance from a British steamer which reported a mutiny among the Arab firemen, was received here today.

FRENCH PRIEST TELLS OF BATTLEFIELD WORK



Father Giles Cabanel, who for three years administered to dying soldiers, has arrived in the United States for a lecture tour. The heroic priest was decorated seven times for bravery. While under fire and gas attacks he supplied the spiritual wants of the brave men who fell for their country.

GERMAN AERIAL RAID ON ENGLAND KILLS 3 WOMEN

London, Jan. 30.—In last night's air raid, in which three persons were killed and 10 injured, bombs were dropped at various places in Kent and Essex, it is announced officially.

The bodies of six others are buried in the ruins of a house.

There were several aerial engagements. All the British machines returned safely.

The enemy raiders during the past two nights did not succeed and apparently did not attempt to bomb any military objectives.

They merely attempted to kill civilians and a majority of the victims, as usual, were women and children.

The official statement says: "A number of attacks were delivered against London by hostile airplanes last night between 10 p. m. and 12:30 a. m., but in no case did the raiders penetrate into the capital."

The first enemy machines crossed the Isle of Thanet at 9:30 p. m. and proceeded up the Thames estuary towards London, but all were turned back by gun fire.

Turned Back by Gunfire.
"Meanwhile a single airplane which crossed the Essex coast at 10:30 p. m., passed around the north and west of London and dropped some bombs on the southwestern outskirts."

"At the same time another enemy machine dropped bombs on the north-eastern outskirts, without causing any casualties or damage."

"Other airplanes which crossed the Kent and Essex coast between 10:25 and 10:30 p. m. were all turned back by gun fire at various places on the way to London."

"The final attack, delivered across Essex by three or four machines between 11:30 p. m. and midnight, was equally unsuccessful. Bombs were dropped in various places in Kent and Essex."

"About 15 machines, the same number as on the previous night, appear to have participated in the raid. A number of our airplanes went up. Several engagements with enemy machines are reported."

"One of our pilots attacked a raider over the northeastern outskirts of London with the result that it dropped its bombs on open ground and made off. All our pilots returned safely."

Special Guard to Protect

New York Shipping

New York, Jan. 30.—A special water front guard of 100 policemen in plain clothes went on duty today to afford additional protection to docks and shipping in New York and vicinity.

The new guards do not replace the regular military patrol of the water front, but they will gradually supplement the soldiers' efforts in handling difficult cases.

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AMERICAN HEROES MEET DEATH IN GERMAN AIR RAID

Two Young Members of Italian Red Cross Killed When Teutons Bomb Hospital; Left Safety to Aid Victims.

(By Associated Press.)

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 29.—Two Americans attached to the Red Cross were killed at Mestre Sunday night by bombs dropped by German raiders.

They were William Platt and Richard Cutts Fairfield, and were the first Americans to be killed on the Italian front.

Platt and Fairfield had just arrived at a Red Cross hospital on a motor-cycle when the raid began.

Germans Bomb Hospital.

Five bombs fell in the court yard of the hospital, killing four persons and wounding a number of patients.

The Americans were killed outright. One received a fragment of a bomb in the heart, while the other was struck by three fragments, in the head, stomach and legs.

The funeral of the victims of the raid was held at Mestre today. The long lines of carriages bore 35 coffins.

American flags and floral offerings covered the caskets of the two Americans.

In the attending delegation of officers and men from the American Red Cross were Major Lowell, head of the military branch of the American Red Cross in Italy, and 15 men from the three American Red Cross units attached to the Third and Fourth Italian armies.

Refused to Remain in Safety.

Companions of Fairfield and Platt say they were killed while performing an act of bravery. They were at a Red Cross camp far out of range of the raid and could have remained there safely.

But, with two others, they decided to go to Mestre, where the raid had already begun, to give aid and help the probable victims.

Harvard Students.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 30.—Richard Cutts Fairfield, son of Mrs. James C. Barr of New York, joined the Wynne-Bevan ambulance corps, an English organization, connected with the Red Cross, shortly after he had entered Harvard university last fall.

He was 18 years old and the youngest of five Americans in the corps.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 30.—William Platt was the son of the late William D. Platt of Baltimore.

He went to Europe last summer to drive an ambulance at the battle front. He was 26 years old.

Illinois Socialists Indorse

Bolsheviki Peace Plans

Freeport, Ill., Jan. 30.—Socialists of the Thirteenth Illinois congressional district, in convention here, endorsed the Bolshevik peace proposals as representing also the peace aims of British socialist and labor organizations. S. H. Zimmerman was nominated for congress.

U. S. Senator Dies.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 30.—United States Senator William Hughes of Paterson died here today at 10:15 a. m. at a hospital where he had been a patient for several weeks suffering from septic poisoning resulting from an infection of the teeth, followed by bronchial pneumonia.

Represent Shipping Board.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Raymond B. Stevens, vice chairman of the shipping board, and George Rublee of the board's legal staff, are to be sent to London as permanent representatives of the shipping board.

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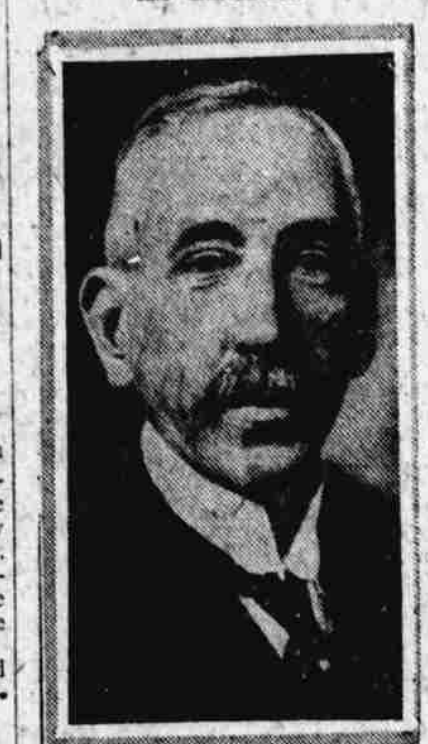
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RETAIN PREMIER HUGHES AS LEADER



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The nationalist party of Australia, by a vote of 63 to 2, has resolved to retain Premier Hughes in the leadership, according to a dispatch from Melbourne.

U. S., Great Britain and

Canada Agree on Draft

Washington, Jan. 30.—Agreement between the United States and Great Britain and Canada on the terms of separate conscription conventions, which only await the signatures of the representatives of the governments concerned, was announced today by Secretary Lansing in a letter to Chairman Dent of the house military committee.

The conventions give to the citizens of each country the option of returning to their own country for military service within a fixed period after which they would be subject to military duty under the laws and regulations of the country in which they reside. They would also permit each country to exempt nationals from military service if deemed necessary.

U. S. Has 500,000

Tons of German

Shipping in Use

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, Jan. 29.—Announcement was made here today that the total tonnage of former German steamships ready for the high seas service, most of which are now bringing men and materials to France, is approximately 500,000.

Among the considerable number already arrived safely in entente allied ports is the Leviathan, formerly the Vaterland, and 15 other of Germany's largest ships. These figures demonstrate the falsity of recent German claims and the publication of this information is permitted for that reason.

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