

# RESUME PACKERS' PROBE DESPITE LACK OF PAPERS

Documents From Veeder Vault Still Withheld, But Investigation Continues in Charge of Heney.

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, March 15.—The packers' probe was resumed today by Francis J. Heney, attorney for the government, despite the fact that the coveted papers from the Veeder vault were still unobtainable.

The investigation is ex parte. Only such evidence and testimony as Mr. Heney attorney for the commission, desires, being introduced.

Explaining the loss the packers have faced in the hide market G. F. Swift, vice president of Swift & Co., said today that the demand had not equalled the supply for some time past.

"Stocks of hides have been heavy, with prices declining," he said. "Notwithstanding this, Swift & Co. sold 20 per cent more hides in 1917 than any previous year. On account of the heavy receipts of cattle hide stocks are still heavy, and anyone who has been unable to find a market of course will suffer by the decline.

"There has been no hoarding of hides. Supply and demand have regulated the price and it is simply a case of demand not equaling the supply."

M. W. Borders, attorney for Morris & Co. and Wilson & Co., was the first witness. He claimed immunity from prosecution in any future proceedings as a result of his testimony and then proceeded to answer questions.

Mr. Heney took up the cottonseed oil interests of the packers in Texas, concerning which there was much litigation. Mr. Heney asked the witness if he did not know that from 1902 to 1914 dividends on this business were paid in a single check to one Louis C. Ehle and that Ehle had been accused of embezzlement. The witness replied that he thought "that Heney knew more of the case than he did."

**Vault Was Robbed.**  
Mr. Heney turned his questions to Mr. Borders office files.

"The vault was burglarized twice," said Mr. Borders.

"Was anything taken?" asked Mr. Heney.

"They got a Liberty bond," replied the witness. "One file has been missing also."

Mr. Heney peered through his rimless spectacles at Mr. Borders and Mr. Borders gazed through his of tortoise shell.

"Whom do you suspect?" Mr. Heney asked at last.

"You don't want my suspicions for the record, do you? If you do it is all right with me."

"Some lawyer?" persisted Mr. Heney.

"As a matter of fact the manager of the building said he has his suspicions because several other offices were entered, but I don't know what they were," replied the witness.

The witness said that Morris &

Co.'s principal purpose in watching legislation, was to avoid breaking any of the innumerable laws passed from time to time. He said they watched legislative bills also.

"I want to know what you personally have done in opposing bills which you thought inimical to Morris & Co.," asked Mr. Heney.

"Very little; once or twice. In those cases I appeared with information before the proper committees."

Mr. Borders said he had never lobbied, nor had he ever employed any man to go to Springfield for that purpose. The witness said he knew of no fund of Morris & Co. to influence oleomargarine legislation.

Mr. Heney observed: "From your testimony it appears that you had nothing to do with opposing the Borland resolution (packing house inquiry); nothing to do with tax assessments or electing friendly assessors; nothing to do with influencing legislation by states, nor with subscribing to campaign funds for state legislators or congressmen."

**Borders in West.**  
Witness nodded acquiescence and Mr. Heney raised his voice:

"The Borland resolution caused alarm among the packers and I want to find out what you know of the flood of telegrams which came to the judiciary committee at Washington as a result?"

"My best recollection is that I was in the west on another matter at the time," said the witness.

Mr. Heney produced a copy of a telegram dated Washington, D. C., and addressed to Nelson Morris, at Chicago, by Edward Morris, jr., both members of the firm of Morris & Co.

It dealt with the Borland resolution and suggested that 100 telegrams, "not all worded alike," should be sent to Congressman Morgan of Oklahoma arguing that an investigation would be a bad business proposition for the cattle interests of Oklahoma.

Witness said that he knew nothing about it. Mr. Heney read other letters and telegrams, several of which were signed by Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift & Co., who recently obtained a court decision preventing Mr. Heney from going through the files in his private office.

**Matter of Principle.**  
"These were taken from the files of Swift & Co., not from Veeder's vaults," said Mr. Heney with a grim smile.

"It is immaterial to me where they came from; I have nothing to conceal or fear," replied the witness.

"Oh, certainly not," rejoined Mr. Heney, with marked sarcasm. "Oh, no! Nobody has anything to fear from what is in the Veeder files. That isn't why they don't want me to look them over. It's a matter of high principle alone."

**Will Not Help Shoes.**  
St. Louis Mo., March 15.—The present drop in the price of hides, it was stated at the general offices of a large shoe manufacturing company today, probably is due to the winter deterioration of stock, and there is no evidence that so far that the price decline will last long enough to affect the price of shoes.

A decrease of 30 per cent in the value of raw hides, if long continued, would affect the manufacturing cost of shoes about 5 cents a pair, it was stated.

The cost of raw hides, it was explained, was but one element of the many entering into the cost of making shoes. Other elements are the conversion of hides into leather, the cost of tanning, which has increased, and the cost of turning the leather into shoes.

# HAWKEYES WANT TO BUY COAL IN EASTERN STATES

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praised of these rumored discriminations addressed a letter to Daniel Willard, chairman of the War Industry board, asking if such a policy had been determined on.

"If this be true it is to be regretted," said the congressman, "as we of the western states consider ourselves a part of the United States and are contributing our full share to the conduct of the war in men, money, and material. I understand the information as conveyed by Captain Alfred H. Granger of the building department of the Council of National Defense."

Today a letter was received by Congressman Lobeck from Captain Granger in which he says: "When the group of Omaha contractors called upon us, I had the privilege of talking to them personally and I cannot understand how they went away with the impression that there was to be any discrimination against western firms in the recommendation of contracts for government construction work."

**Not "Cutting" West.**  
"I distinctly remember telling them absolutely the opposite of this. My talk with them was most pleasant and I felt that they went away satisfied that I would do everything in my power personally to bring western men before the committee."

Captain Granger states that when Horace Burt was president of the Union Pacific, he designed and supervised the Union station in Omaha and being a western man himself with all his interests in the middle west he cannot understand how the erroneous impression got abroad.

He further states that information from the cantonment division is that a great deal of work this summer will be spread throughout the country and it is his desire that this work be given to western contractors.

**Binder Twine Relief.**  
Senator Hitchcock stated today he had been informed that a committee of five persons is to be appointed on fertilizer licenses to operate jointly with the Department of Agriculture and the food administration and that just as soon as rules and regulations are promulgated Nebraska producers of potash will be expected to come under those regulations.

Senator Hitchcock also stated that he had been advised by the food administration that if the farmers of Nebraska cannot make satisfactory prices with dealers in binder twine, that the food administration will fill orders for them. It was the aim of the food administration to equalize the burden between producer and consumer and if Nebraska farmers think they are not getting a square deal he urges them to take up the matter with Mr. Hoover's department. Further the letter advises that twine is quoted at 20 1/2 cents at the Minnesota state prison.

**McHugh Board Counsel.**  
Judge and Mrs. W. D. McHugh are in Washington, Judge McHugh having been called to the capital by Bernard Baruch, head of the war industries board to consider a proposition to join the board as its general counsel. Judge McHugh has the matter under serious consideration.

**In East for Wedding.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frans Nelson and daughters of Omaha arrived in Washington today to attend the wedding of their son and brother, Lieutenant Harvey Nelson, to Miss Marian Norris, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Norris, which will take place tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

Miss Joy Higgins of Omaha is in the capital en route to England, where she goes to tell the English people what American women are doing to help win the war.

**Metcalfe Makes Talk.**  
Eustis, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—R. L. Metcalfe, member of the State Council of Defense, addressed an audience of 500 here Thursday night.



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