

## **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 governpapers 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., alarm among the packers and I want firms in the recommendation of con-said today that the demand had not to find out what you know of the flood of telegrams which came to the work. past.

"Stocks of hides have been heavy, with prices declining," he said. "Not-withstanding this, Swift & Co. sold 20 per cent more hides in 1917 than any time," said the witness. 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 equalling the

M. W. Borders, attorney for Mor-ris & Co. and Wilson & Co., was the first witness. He claimed immunity from prosecution in any future pro-ceedings 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, oil interests of the packers in Texas, concerning which there was 'nuch litigation. Mr. Heney asked the wit-ness if he did not know that from 1902 to 1914 dividends on this husi-ness 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 'hat Heney knew more of the case than he did.

#### Vault Was Robbed.

Mr. Borders' office files.

said Mr. Borders. Heney.

tortoise shell. "Whom do you Heney asked at last. you suspect?" Mr. "You don't want my suspicions for

the record, do you? If you do it is all right with me." lawyer?" persisted Mr. Some

Co.'s principal purpose in watching legislatio. 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.

Co.?" asked Mr. Heney. "Very little; once or twice. In those cases I appeared with informa-lard, chairman of the War Industry board, asking if such a policy had determined on. bied, nor had he ever employed any

to campaign funds for state legislators or congressmen."

#### Borders in West.

Mr. Heney raised his voice:

judiciary committee at Washington as

"My best recollection is that I was in the west on another matter at the

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

Witness said that he knew nothing from the cantonment division is that about it. Mr. Heney read other let-ters and telegrams, several of which will be spread throughout the country were signed by Henry Veeder, coun-sel for Swift & Co., who recently ob-be given to western contractors. tained a court decision preventing Mr. Heney from going through the files in his private office.

#### Matter of Principle.

smile.

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

"The vault was burglarized twice," fo fear from what is in the Veeder of high principle alone."

deterioration of stock, and there is no twine is quoted at 201/2 cents at the evidence thus far that the price de- Minnesota state prison.

cline will last long enough to affect

## HAWKEYES WANT TO BUY COAL IN EASTERN STATES (Continued From Page One.)

been determined on. "If this be true it is to be regretted," man to go to Springfield for that pur-pose. The witness said he knew of western states consider ourselves a no fund of Morris & Co. to influence part of the United States and are oleomargarine legislation. contributing our full share to the Mr. Heney observed: "From your conduct of the war in men, money, testimony it appears that you had and material. I understand the infornothing to do with opposing the Bor-land resolution (packing house in- was conveyed by Captain Alfred H. quiry); nothing to do with tax assess- Granger of the building department J. Heney, attorney for the govern-ment, despite the fact that the coverted nothing to do with influencing legis-Today a letter was received by Con-Today a letter was received by Conlation by states, nor with subscribing gressman Lobeck from Captain to campaign funds for state legisla- Granger in which he says: "When the group of Omaha contractors called upon us, I had the privilege of Witness nodded acquiescence and talking to them personally and I can-not understand how they went away with the impression that there was to "The Borland resolution caused be any discrimination against western

#### 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 superand suggested that 100 telegrams, intended the Union station in Oma-"not all worded alike," should be sent ha and being a western man himself to Congressman Morgan of Okla- with all his interests in the middle homa arguing that an investigation would be a bad business proposition for the cattle interests of Oklahoma. He further states that information

Binder Twine Relief.

Senator Hitchcock stated today he had been informed that a committee of five persons is to be appointed on "These were taken from the files of Swift & Co., not from Veeder's vaults," said Mr. Heney with a grim instruction and that fertilizer licenses to operate jointly 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 Vault Was Robbed. Mr. Heney turned his questions to Ar. Borders' office files. "The reduction be been advised by the food ad-no! No! Nobody has anything to Nebraska cannot make satisfactory prices with dealers in binder twine, id Mr. Borders. "Was anything taken?" asked Mr. me to look them over. It's a matter orders for them. It was the aim of orders for them. It was the aim of Heney. "They got a Liberty bond," replied the witness. "One file has been missing also." Mr. Heney peered through his rim-less spectacles at Mr. Borders and Mr. Borders gazed through his of torblic shell. Heney. Mr. Borders gazed through his of torblic shell. Heney. Mr. Borders gazed through his of torblic shell. Heney. 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 the food administration to equalize

> McHugh Board Counsel. the price of shoes. A decrease of 30 per cent in the value of raw hides, if long continued, having been called to the capital by would affect the manufacturing cost Bernard Baruch, head of the war



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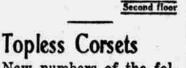


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