

PACKER PROFITS TREBLED DURING WAR, SAYS CHASE

Food Administration Rules Neither Regulated Gains Nor Benefited Public, Expert Tells Senators.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Food administration regulations neither regulated profits of the meat packers nor benefited the public or the consumers, Stuart Chase, an expert accountant employed by the federal trade commission, told the senate agriculture committee today in presenting figures to show that profits of the five 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.

Morris and Co. in Lead. Based on capital stock, Mr. Chase said, Morris & Co.'s profits in 1917 were 26.7 per cent and on the same basis Armour & Co.'s profits in 1916 were 11.4 per cent. Because of a later increase in capital stock the percentage for Armour & Co. dropped to 2.1 in 1917. Swift & Co.'s profits in 1917 on the same basis were 6.3 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

Omahan Traveled 109,000 Miles on Convoy Duty

Lieutenant Erickson Tells How U. S. S. Ericsson Encountered German Submarine and Saved 125 Survivors of Two Merchant Ships—Destroyer Was One of Wilson's Convoys.

After spending 18 months in convoy duty on board the U. S. S. destroyer Ericsson in the waters near Queenstown, Ireland, and Brest, France, Lt. Oscar Erickson arrived in Omaha Thursday enroute to visit his mother, Mrs. Anna Erickson, Bertrand, Neb.

Lieutenant Erickson, who enlisted in the navy nine years ago in Omaha, advanced to his rank from a common seaman. Without the loss of a single life his craft's log registered 109,000 miles, which were covered while convoying American transports.

"We encountered one German U-boat," said Lieutenant Erickson, "after arriving at Queenstown. We ran on to it after two merchant vessels were destroyed. We gathered up 125 survivors. One life was lost as a result of the explosion of the German torpedo. We were unable to fire on the enemy for fear of killing the survivors who were foundering in the water."

Lieutenant Erickson sailed from America May 4, 1917, and was among the first of the United States navy to arrive in the war zone. After spending eight months in convoy duty near Queenstown his destroyer was ordered to Brest. Lieutenant Erickson's vessel was among 40 other American destroyers and nine battleships which convoyed President Wilson's party to the port of Brest. He is on a 10 days' leave and will return to duty within the next few days.



Former South Omaha Chaplain on Way Home

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Chaplain George A. Jonaitis, who has just returned from overseas service with the Nebraska troops, landing at Newport News January 10, was in Washington today en route to his home in South Omaha. Chaplain Jonaitis has a world of stories to tell of the fighting in France and the obsequies which he was compelled to conduct on the battlefields.

"I'M MUCH ALIVE" 'NEAR DEAD' MAN TELLS HIS SISTER

Frank Murphy Mistaken for O. E. Chandler, Mysteriously Injured on Q Street Viaduct.

Relatives of Frank Murphy, South Side horsehooper, residing in the King hotel, suffered a severe shock yesterday while standing at his supposed death bed to have him walk in and inquire, "who said I was killed?"

O. E. Chandler, 3118 V street, was mysteriously injured last night on the Q street viaduct. He was taken to the South Side hospital by police who mistook him for Murphy for whom he is almost an exact double.

They notified his sister, Mrs. Bert Blanchard, 2414 F street, who also identified him as her brother and notified his mother, Mrs. Otto Murphy in Portland, Ore., that he had been seriously injured. Robert Hallan, Murphy's son-in-law, and Andrew Murphy, his uncle, rushed to the hospital this morning and were sure of the identification.

Ed Andrews was motorman and L. H. Webber conductor of the street car. They told police they did not see the injured man until the car had passed him and that it is possible he was laying on the track and the car struck him.

Murphy first learned of his supposed injuries in The Bee and hurried to the hospital to learn who had assumed to use his name. He was met by grieving relatives unable to believe that he was truly uninjured.

Chandler was picked up by street car men who notified police of his injuries. He had a fractured skull and mystery surrounds how the accident happened. The street car men allege they found Chandler on the viaduct injured. Police allege that human hair was found on the fender of the street car and are of the opinion he was struck by the car.

Chandler is still unconscious and little hope is entertained by attending physicians for his recovery. Police are conducting a further investigation on the possibility that he was struck by an auto. A quantity of money and other valuable belongings was found on his person untouched. No arrests have been made.

Big Red Cross Check. New York, Jan. 17.—A check for \$1,000,000 was received today from the American Red Cross by the National Tuberculosis association. It is claimed to be the largest check ever written for public health work in the United States.

FLASHES from FILMLAND PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY

NEGOTIATIONS are under way between Douglas Fairbanks and the government, giving him an opportunity to take a company of film actors to southern France for the staging of a series of motion pictures. The subjects which have been selected for this purpose will not deal with war conditions, but will be typical Fairbanks stories, laid abroad.

Mitchell Lewis is out securing locations for his next picture, "The Children of Banishment," from the novel of that title by Francis William Sullivan. The film will be made in the Yosemite National park reserve at an elevation of more than 3,000 feet.

Enid Bennett has returned from a two-weeks' trip to the desert with her company, where they made "Partners Three," her next Paramount picture, under the direction of her husband, Fred Niblo.

"Smiling" Bill Parsons is now in the midst of his 20th comedy since he barred the six-shooter to punctuate fun in the film and he says there's lots more fun making them than before.

Dorothy Dalton has just finished her latest Paramount picture, "Kluge," which was written specially for her by C. Gardner Sullivan. One of the big scenes in this production is the destruction by fire of the village where much of the action leading to the dramatic climax transpires.

So great has been the demand for Marguerite Clark's former successes that Paramount will reissue

the news which was ready to give out to the public yesterday. In Washington for Three Months, George and Mark Woods of the firm of Woods Brothers, one of Lincoln's leading financial institutions, C. J. Bills, banker, and other leading Lincoln citizens, have been in Washington almost continuously for the last three months. Woods Bros. are said to be the financial backing of A. G. Hebb's, who is just completing one of the largest automobile truck factories in the west, located in Havelock, a suburb of Lincoln.

Part of the deal at Washington was the agreement of Woods Brothers, that this factory would also manufacture aeroplanes, and therefore be able to make speedy repairs to the government planes.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce recently started a movement to secure the terminus in this city, basing their action on an inquiry from the Postoffice department asking if the city of Omaha would donate a landing field and hangars. The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to furnish the landing field, though no location was ever announced, and inquiries were mailed out to Omaha business men asking for donations towards the building of the hangars and repair shop.

Commissioner Manley of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce said he had received a wire of Assistant Postmaster General Prager recently saying a representative of the postoffice department would be in Omaha within a week to look over the landing field, and other arrangements in Omaha.

Minnesota Ratifies. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 17.—Minnesota ratified the federal prohibition amendment today when the house adopted the joint ratification resolution. The senate previously had acted.

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Nineteen Get One to Five Years; Defendants Break "Silent Defense" With Impassioned Appeals.

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—Sentences ranging from one to 10 years' imprisonment were imposed today by United States District Judge F. H. Rudkin of Spokane, Wash., on 43 of the 46 defendants convicted in the Industrial Workers of the World anti-war conspiracy case.

Sentence on Miss Theodora Pollok, only woman defendant; Basile Saffores and A. L. Fax, the only three defendants represented by an attorney, was held up by their counsel who said a motion for a new trial would be offered.

The sentences came as a climax to a morning of oratory in which a large number of the 43 defendants had maintained silence throughout the trial made impassioned addresses to the court.

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While one of the other defendants was speaking, Robert Duncan, special agent of the Department of Justice, interrupted him and declared the court proceedings were being converted into a "wobbly meeting." He urged the court to stop it, but was overruled and the defendants continued their remarks.

William Hood, one of the first defendants to be arrested, closed for the "silent defense."

City Building Inspector John H. Maus, for a number of years city building inspector, died in his home, 2599 Kansas avenue, last night, aged 74 years. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Daisy Maus.

Mr. Maus was a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Hollandsburg, Pa., and came to Omaha immediately following the close of the war. His first work here was in the Union Pacific shops, but he afterwards did contracting work for a number of years before his appointment as building inspector. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Ree Wooters are the Best Business Boosters

Play Given by Women's Club Raises \$256 for Armenian Relief Fund

Two hundred and fifty-six dollars was raised for Armenian relief Friday night when members of the public speaking department of the Omaha Woman's club presented "The Doll's House" by Ibsen, under the auspices of the Scottish Rite Masons in the Scottish Rite temple.

The leading roles were capably portrayed by Hart Jenks as Torvald Helmer and Mrs. Anson Bigelow as Nora, the doll wife. Mrs. Grant Williams, who was scheduled to play the part of Mrs. Linde, was taken ill with influenza Thursday evening and the part was taken on this short notice by Miss Sue Garrett. The play was directed by Mrs. Isabel McLaughlin, who also took the part of Anna. The other members of the cast included W. R. McLaughlin, Louis Nettie, Mrs. Joseph Duffy, James Duffy, James Florence Druessedod and Gwendolyn Eichle.

Between acts Mrs. James R. Cain, jr., gave vocal numbers and Florence Druessedod gave a Spanish dance.

Illinois Board Suspend Increase of Telephone Rates

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 17.—An order suspending for five months the enforcement of the telephone rates, which would have become effective in Illinois January 21, under a ruling of Postmaster General Burleson, was entered by the Illinois public utilities commission today.

IN THE DIVORCE COURT. W. P. Hooper has filed a petition of divorce from Myra B. Hooper, whom he married in Omaha June 23, 1912. Custody is charged. Mr. Hooper has lived in Omaha 25 years.

Sophia Gallowich charges her husband, Herman, with abandonment. She has petitioned for a divorce and for custody of a minor child. They were married in Omaha March 25, 1915.

Leola Randall has filed a divorce petition, asking for a decree from Frank Randall, whom she married on May 26, 1912. She alleges "cruel and inhuman treatment."

Henry A. Wilson is charged with non-support by his wife, Grace, who asks for a decree of divorce.

Woody Dickerson has applied for a decree of divorce from Lillian Dickerson. The husband alleges that his wife "made an appointment to meet a certain man at a certain place and house."

Core E. Berwick charges that John H. Berwick is addicted to strong drink. She asks for a decree of divorce.

Ottis R. Mitchell has applied in divorce court for a decree from Walter Mitchell. She charges with having an unmanageable temper. The wife also asks for custody of a minor child and for alimony.

Ernie Childs is charged with infidelity by Herbert Childs, who has applied for a decree of divorce.

Franklin Jan has been granted a decree of divorce from George Jan, whom she married 30 years ago. Extreme cruelty was the cause of the split.

A decree of divorce and custody of a minor child have been allowed in the custody of Mary R. Deoley in her action against William Deoley who was charged with non-support.

Clemma D. Helms has been granted her former name of Kristof, and awarded a decree of divorce from P. T. Helms.

The marital relations between Nellie and William Kennedy have been dissolved in favor of the wife, who was allowed a decree and custody of William, 18 years old; Francis, 14 years old; John, 12 years old; Grace, 2 years old; and Victor, 3 weeks old. Kennedy will be required to pay \$10 per week for 14 years and is enjoined from interfering with Mrs. Kennedy.

Mary K. Soverwine was allowed a decree of divorce from Paul R. Soverwine, custody of three children and an allowance of \$10 per month.

The divorce case of Carolyn Y. against Ralph A. Kross, has been settled by awarding the plaintiff a decree of \$100 alimony and \$10 per week allowance.

A decree of divorce has been entered in favor of Alfred P. Pettit in her action against James Pettit. The wife was awarded custody of two children and \$100 alimony.

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