

GREAT PACKERS WILL ACCEDE TO PUBLIC BEHEST

Decide to Confine Activities To Meat Packing Industry Alone and Sell Extraneous Concerns.

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Senator Kenyon declared the government should maintain over the packers the control provided by the pending bills, inasmuch as "it is evident they were building the greatest monopoly the country has ever known."

Long Fight Ended.
Retirement of the packers from all lines of business except the meat and produce business, ends a fight of long standing, which has been an issue in elections and political debates for years, the subject of much attempted legislation, the cause of the expenditure of thousands of dollars in investigations and untold bitterness between packers on the one hand and the government, live stock producers and small business firms on the other.

The present settlement is an outgrowth of an investigation started by the federal trade commission by direction of President Wilson on February 7, 1917. A letter reviewing that work and what it accomplished was transmitted to the White House tonight by Chairman Murdock and his associates.

President Thanked.
"The commission thanks you, Mr. President," the letter said, "for your unwavering support in its labors; acknowledges the sympathetic cooperation of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Justice and the other branches of the government and the many good citizens whose aid has made the completion of its task possible. And lastly, the patience and generosity of congress and of its committees in both houses.

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commission from the private files of the packers was made public, despite determined opposition in separate hearings in Washington and other cities which were sensational in their revelations of financial manipulation by means of dummy directors, trustees, and other devices to conceal the persons involved.
When the investigation was transferred to Chicago, a hot legal fight resulted from a raid on the private vault of Henry Veeder, from which Francis J. Heney of San Francisco, special counsel to the commission, took letters and papers alleged to have related to collusion between the packers to control the market and prices of live stock. Veeder stopped Heney from further examination of his files by obtaining a federal injunction, pending which the control of substitute foods around the vault might be gained.

Outline of Agreement.
The official outline of the agreement reached between the government and the five big packers as made public tonight by the Department of Justice follows:

Attorney General Palmer today announced that the five big packers, Armour & Co., Morris & Co., Swift & Co., Wilson & Co., and the Cudahy Packing company, their main subsidiaries and principal stockholders and managers, have submitted to all the contentions of the government and consented to the entry of an injunction decree providing for the carrying out of these contentions.

"Under the decree, the defendants and their stockholders, either as corporations or as individuals, are compelled, in brief:

"To sell under supervision of the United States district court, preferably to the live stock producers and the public, all their holdings in public stock yards.

"To sell under the same supervision, and in like manner all their interests in stock yard railroads and terminals.

"To sell under the same supervision and in like manner all their interests in market newspapers.

"Dispose of all their interest in public cold storage warehouses except as necessary for their own meat products.

"To forever disassociate themselves with the retail meat business.

No Grocery Business.
"To forever disassociate themselves with all 'unrelated lines,' including wholesale groceries, fresh, canned, dried or salt fish, crushed, dried, evaporated or canned fruits, confectioneries, syrups, soda water fountains, soft drinks, molasses, honey, jams, jellies and preserves, ice, sauces, relishes, etc., coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, nuts, flour, sugar, rice and cereals (with an exception to be noted), bread, wafers, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, vermicelli, macaroni, cigars, china, furniture, etc.

"To forever abandon the use of the branch houses, route cars and auto trucks, comprising their distribution system, for any other than their own meat and dairy products.

"To perpetually submit to the jurisdiction of the United States district courts under an injunction forbidding all the defendants from directly or indirectly maintaining any combination or conspiracy with each other or any other person or persons, or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any food products, in the United States, or indulging in any unfair and unlawful practice.

Jurisdiction Retained.
"The decree further provides the jurisdiction is retained by the courts for the purpose of taking such other action, or adding to the foot of the decree such other relief, if any, that may become necessary or appropriate for the carrying out and enforcement of the decree or for the purpose of entertaining at any time a motion for rehearing in the application which the parties may make with respect to this decree.

"Immediately upon Mr. Palmer becoming attorney general in March, 1919, he personally took up the charges against the packers, and special assistants were asked to study the investigation of the federal trade commission, at hearings before congressional committees and to conduct independent investigations.

Submit Before Probe.
"After eight months of exhaustive work and the placing of one branch of the matter before a Chicago grand jury, the results were ready to be placed before a United States grand jury sitting in New York for the month of November and December. Before the opening, however, of the hearings before that grand jury Mr. Palmer was notified that the defendants would submit to all proper requirements of the government under the law.

Mr. Palmer's statement then recites the alleged evils of packer ownership of stock yards, market newspapers and allied industries as developed from the federal trade commission's inquiry into the packing business and continues:

"They now have jointly or separately, a controlling interest in 22 of the 30 market stock yards in the United States.

Dominate Policies.
"The parent companies have availed themselves of the control so acquired by them in the stock yards aforesaid to elect the officers and directors of said stock yards and to dominate and control the policies thereof. They have granted exclusive privileges, such as the right to purchase dead animals, the right to furnish supplies and facilities, and the location of cattle banks and cattle loan companies, to concerns and corporations in which they or some of them or individuals who are stockholders in said parent companies, hold the controlling stock, all of which has been done with the intent and purpose and has had the effect of discouraging and suppressing the establishment of independent packing establishments and dwarfing the growth of such independent companies, which then might be in a position to enable said parent companies, their subsidiaries or the individuals who own and control the parent companies and their subsidiaries to obtain vast profits from the management of stock yards and the granting of the privileges aforesaid to the extent to which profits are realized not only upon the live stock purchased by the packers, but upon that purchased by their competitors, and have thus secured profits without the same appearing or being disclosed in the profits of the parent companies, and otherwise to further the attempt of said parent companies to monopolize the meat industry of the country and

artificially control the ultimate price which the consumer pays for meat and meat products.

Must Control Substitutes.
"The investigation demonstrated that even with a practical monopoly of the supplies in the country, the price could not be controlled by the defendants without the control of substitute foods. To accomplish this purpose the defendants availed themselves of the advantages at hand in the auto trucks, route cars, branch houses and storage warehouses owned or controlled by them. The control was extensively and rapidly increasing. Yearly great numbers of competitors abandoned the contest and quit business or sold out to the parent corporations or their subsidiaries. Unless prevented by this decree, the defendants would have within the compass of a few years controlled the quantity and price of practically every article of food found on the American table.

Enormous Growth.
In the 15 years from 1904 to 1919, Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Wilson & Co., Inc., and the Cudahy Packing company, according to their financial reports, grew from a net worth of approximately \$92,000,000 to a net worth of approximately \$479,000,000, but in this same period, they paid in cash dividends \$105,000,000. Only \$89,000,000 of their increased net worth was represented in capital. Though always asserting a very low rate of profit on sales the five parent companies have grown so rapidly that their combined net profit for 1919 has equaled nearly the amount of their total sales in 1914. The sales themselves in 15 years have increased until for the fiscal year, 1918, they reached the vast sum of \$3,200,000,000. This was realized from meats, substitute foods and unrelated lines as hereinabove set forth. In stating the amount of their total sales, all of which corporations have taken out of profits and sales to the parent companies and subsidiaries included by them upon their books. No account has been taken of the many corporations which are owned or controlled by the same family or financial interests as own or control the parent companies.

Other Vast Profits.
"In addition to these profits, there have been other vast profits, difficult to ascertain, realized by the individuals by virtue of either their personal control of other packing houses and slaughtering companies, or their interests in stock yards, terminal railroads, rendering companies, cattle loan institutions and banks, and other corporations, all of which corporations have their inception and depend for their prosperity upon advantages or privileges growing out of the interlocking control of the stock yards and stock yard appurtenances.

"The parent companies, or the individual defendants and their families, maintain and control the corporations or concerns, including 131 trade names. They have a significant minority stock interest in 95 others, and an interest of unknown extent in an additional 93. Thus, the total number of concerns in which they have control or interests is some 762. Practically all of these companies, however, come under the jurisdiction of the court through the naming of the above-mentioned defendants.

Organize Many Concerns.
"In the years that have passed, the parent companies have acquired or organized many other concerns and have maintained them so long as they were useful for their purposes. When no longer useful, these concerns have been merged into that of the parent companies or into that of other subsidiaries. The total of 762, above stated, therefore falls far short of representing the numbers of concerns that corporate and individual defendants have acquired or have organized in furtherance of their general scheme and plan of action already explained.

"In 1916, the business of Armour & Co. in canned fish, vegetables and sundries, canned and dried fruits, fruit preserves and grape juice, amounted to \$6,396,036.76. In 1918, two years later, the same company's volume of business in these same items was \$30,820,000, over six-fold increase. While part of this increase of business may be attributed to the increase of population and the consequent increase of consumption, the greater part thereof was acquired at the expense of competitors.

Unrelated Commodities.
"Of the corporations which have been acquired by the parent companies in recent years, the large number are concerns manufacturing or selling these substitute foods or unrelated commodities. This fact, together with the increased activities of the parent organizations themselves in these lines, indicated a well

defined purpose on their part to secure control of the market for meat substitute foods.

"In addition to the companies in which control has been acquired by outright purchase, the parent companies have in a large number of cases contracted for the exclusive output of many other companies engaged in the production of the substitute foods and the unrelated commodities. The outputs of these plants are marketed by being sold to the parent companies, or by their subsidiaries through the distribution facilities of the parent companies. In this fashion the parent companies control the output of these concerns and the market price of their products as completely as though they themselves owned the producing companies.

Cheap Distribution.
"The principal agent in stifling competition was, as has been stated, the fact that the distributing system of the great packers was efficient and cheap way of handling not possessed by their competitors."

The statement lists the foods which the packers will be enjoined from handling, including all kinds of fish, vegetables, fruits, cereals, etc., with the exception of allowing some of the corporations to continue their business in cereals. This exception was considered necessary because "some of them had been in business since prior to the time they engaged in the meat business and the prevention of their use of the distributing system would have meant the discontinuing in the cereal business. But in general the decree eliminates all the defendant corporations from all unrelated lines of products not containing meat.

"The decree further enjoins the individual defendants from individually or jointly owning 50 per cent or more of the voting stock in any corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing, jobbing, selling, transporting, distributing or otherwise dealing in any of the unrelated commodities, or from adopting any device or arrangement which would have the effect of giving to the corporation defendants or any of them would have the purpose or effect of giving to such unrelated lines any advantage over their competitors similar in purpose or effect to any advantage now enjoyed by any of the corporations controlled by their distributing systems.

Must Sell Their Interests.
"The bill provides that immediately upon the entry of the decree the defendants shall commence to dispose of such commodities owned or handled by them as have been herein described, and shall commence to divest themselves of all interests in firms, corporations and associations dealing in any of the so-called 'unrelated commodities,' and shall continue in good faith to dispose of said commodities and to divest themselves of said interests as rapidly as may be consistent with the nature of the business and the seasonal nature of the merchandise involved. It is the fact, they have more than completely disposed of said commodities and completely divested themselves of these interests within two years from the date of the entry of this decree. The attorney general may apply to the court at any time within said two years to compel the defendant to make a report to the court as to the progress being made by defendants in divesting themselves of said interests."

The corporations and individuals against whom will be directed the federal court decree under which the packers will confine themselves hereafter wholly to the meat and provision business, follow:

Armour Defendants, corporations and individuals:
Armour & Co. (Illinois), J. Ogden Armour; Armour & Co. (New Jersey), L. H. Stearns; Armour & Co. (Kentucky), A. Watson Armour; Armour & Co. (Texas), Laurence Armour; Armour & Co. (Louisiana), Arthur Meeker; Anglo-American Provision company (Illinois), R. J. Dunham; Colorado Packing and Provision company (Colorado), P. Edson White; Fowler Packing

Swift Defendants, corporations and individuals:
Swift & Co. (Illinois), Louis F. Swift; Swift & Co. (Virginia), Edward F. Swift; Swift & Co. (Maine), Charles F. Swift; Swift & Co. (Kentucky), Gustav Swift; Swift & Co. (Louisiana), Harold W. Swift; Swift Beef company (Maine), Almon D. Swift; Dressed Beef company (New York), George Swift; J. J. Huntington & Co., Inc. (New Jersey), Lawrence A. Carton; Bimble company (New Jersey), Frank E. Hayward; C. H. Hammond company (Michigan), Charles A. Peacock; Omaha Packing company (Kentucky), Wilfred W. Cudaby & Halsey; Swift Beef and Supply company (Maine), William B. Frano; W. E. Fox company (Illinois), Van Wagner and Schick company (New Jersey), Western Packing company (Michigan), Omaha Meat company (California), Canfield Commission company (New York), H. C. Derby company (New York), Metropolitan Hotel Supply company (New York), Vermont Supply company, Hotchkiss Beef company, F. and C. Crittenden company, George New England Dressed Meat and Wool company, H. L. Handy company, Swift-Cotes company, Andrews, Swift & Co.; New England Dressed Meat and Wool company, North Packing and Provision company, Sperry and Bess company, John Squire company (Maine), John F. Squire company, Inc. (Massachusetts); John Squire company, Inc. (Rhode Island); Springfield Provision company, and White, Peavy and Dexter company.

Morris Defendants, corporations and individuals:
Morris & Co. (Maine), Edward Morris; Morris Packing company (Maine), Nelson Morris; Morris & Co. (New Jersey), L. H. Stearns; Morris & Co. (Louisiana), C. M. McFarlane; Morris & Co. (Pennsylvania), F. J. Williams; Joseph Stern & Sons, Inc. (New York); Brooklyn Beef and Provision company, Cendite Beef and Provision company, Corwin, Wilde company, Donnelly & Co., Inc.; National Hotel Supply company, Chambrlain & Co., Inc.; J. M. Wilson & Co.

Wilson Defendants, corporations and individuals:
Wilson & Co., Inc. (New York), Thomas E. Wilson; Wilson & Co., Inc. (New Jersey), Arthur Lowenstein; Wilson & Co., Inc. of California (Novada), Jacob Moog; Wilson & Co., Inc. (Louisiana), V. D. Skippworth; Wilson & Co. (Oklahoma), L. Smith; South Dakota Provision company, J. A. Hamilton; Gotham Hotel Supply company, George E. Hopkins; Standard Beef company, A. E. Peterson; Steifel-O'Mara company, W. H. Cowan; Dressed Packing company, William C. Buehler; Albert Lee company, Inc. (New York); Mississippi Packing company, James C. Good; Morton Oregon company (Delaware); Paul O. Reymann company, Standard Provisions company and Central Products corporation.

Cudahy defendants, corporations and individuals:
Cudahy Packing company (Maine), Edward A. Cudahy, Jr.; Cudahy Packing company (Nebraska), Edward A. Cudahy, Jr.; Cudahy Packing company (Alabama), Guy C. Sheppard; Cudahy Packing company (Louisiana), John E. Wagner; Nagle Packing company, A. W. Anderson; M. A. Struss, Frank E. Williams and Nevada Packing company, and Oakland Meat and Packing company, F. L. Washburn.

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