

# INVESTORS WILL PROBE AFFAIRS OF SKINNER CO.

### Committee Named at Meeting Here to Take Steps to Protect Stockholders.

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It were not for his shame I believe it would be Mr. Howe who would bid highest for the plant." L. F. Crofoot, Omaha attorney, who was in the audience, moved that a committee of three be appointed to demand that the Skinner brothers rescind the 167,000 shares of stock which they are said to hold in the company, "with the exception of the shares to which they are entitled on the ratio of two to one in exchange for stock in enterprises other than the packing plant." The motion carried but was not acted upon.

A uproar resulted when a motion to give a vote of thanks and confidence to the Skinner brothers was advanced. A large majority voted against it.

### Tell Promoting Cost.

W. C. Fraser, counsel for several stockholders, gave figures which he said proved that the promoting of the Skinner plant cost \$1,288,931.36, and that more than \$5,000,000 of the alleged assets of the corporation were listed in the company's statement for "good will, patents and copyrights."

In his statement Mr. Howe told of being locked out of his private office at the Skinner plant. "On April 7, 1920, Lloyd Skinner, who was then vice president and director of the company, undertook to remove me as president and manager by telling me verbally to get out, and also by delivering to the clerk in my office a letter as fol-

lows: 'Mr. Howe is no longer connected with the Skinner company and I wish you to turn the keys to your desk or any keys which you have to any of the desks in the plant, over to Manager Kennedy, and to see me personally at the macaroni factory.'

**Was Not President.** "He signed president after his name, although he was not president at that time and had no authority to take action, yet he supported it by taking possession of the office of the president and stationing guards to keep me out!"

Mr. Howe reviewed the events since he became connected with the Skinner company. The real cause of the trouble between himself and the Skinners was due to the manner in which stock was issued to the Skinners, he said.

Attorneys reminded stockholders on several occasions during the meeting that the only place they could take legal action was in Delaware, where the Skinner company was incorporated. This did not affect the enthusiasm of the meeting, however, and many lengthy debates occurred during the day.

### Confidence in Plant.

The stockholders generally declared that they had confidence that their stock would prove valuable in time, but expressed hopes that the plant would begin operations soon.

The committee appointed to protect the stockholders, which is made up of one representative from each of the six congressional districts of the state, two members from Iowa and one from Colorado, is as follows: Chairman Gustafson of Omaha, W. P. Bennett, Cambridge, Neb.; James Shoop, Sutherland, Neb.; W. A. Smith, California Junction, Ia.; J. W. Davis, Harlan, Ia.; H. O. Wiggins, Julesburg, Colo.; Frank H. Doerman, Lorton, Neb.; Frank Christensen, Omaha, and Thomas Mortimer, Leigh, Neb.

Mr. Howe, in an answer filed yesterday in district court to a suit brought against him by the Skinners, declared he could have made the Skinner company so successful dividends would have been paid this year, had it not been for interference from the Skinners.

# SAYS SUGAR AT 27 CENTS POUND SHOWS NET LOSS

### Chairman of Grocers Declares Jobbers Must Be Allowed Profit If Trouble Is to Be Avoided.

New York, May 25.—Although offering sugar at 27 cents a pound yesterday, Harry Balle, chairman of Austin, Nichols & Co., wholesale grocers, today testified before the joint legislative committee investigating profiteering that every pound of it handled showed a net loss to the firm of 5 to 7 1/2 per cent.

He said he believed the present wide variation in prices to wholesalers was due to demand exceeding supply.

He said that jobbers must be allowed to make a fair profit on sugar if "trouble was to be avoided."

In reply to inquiry as to why he sold sugar when it showed "he firm a net loss, he explained: "The trade buys its other goods where it makes its sugar purchases."

Mr. Balle said increased overhead expenses, amounting to 2 1/2 per cent more the first quarter of 1920 than for the same period last year, were due to the "high cost of loafing."

"We can't seem to get anything done," he added. "The same amount of pep isn't there."

Henry W. Wilnot, vice-president of the Cuban American Sugar Co. and the West Indian Sugar Finance corporation, another witness, put in evidence a copy of a letter from Manuel Rionda of Cuba to George A. Zabriskie, former head of the sugar equalization board, advising purchase of the Cuban sugar crop. Unless this is done he said, "a wild orgy of speculation will follow which will be without precedent in the history of sugar."

# U. S. Commissioner Will Resign to Go On Colorado Ranch

United States Commissioner Frank W. Miller will resign his commission about the middle of June and remove with his family to Yuma, Colo., near where he has a 640-acre farm. Mrs. Miller left last evening to join her two sons, Clarence and Earl, who have been developing the ranch since 1911.

Attorney Miller has sold nearly all of his Council Bluffs property, including his fine home on Oakland avenue. Mr. Miller has been a resident of Council Bluffs and a member of the bar association for nearly 30 years. He has owned his Colorado land since 1888 but made no attempt to develop it until he sent his sons out there, and they have made a small fortune from dry-land alfalfa, raising large quantities of seed and selling it at fancy prices.

The last two seasons they have raised thousands of bushels of high-priced wheat. Mr. Miller plans now to make his land provide alfalfa feed for about 1,000 hogs.

# Plattsmouth Elks Plan To Initiate Large Class

Plattsmouth, Neb., May 24.—(Special.)—Plattsmouth lodge No. 739, B. P. of Elks, has been making some phenomenal strides in membership growth during the past year, which will be further augmented June 8th, when a class of more than a half hundred candidates will be initiated into the mysteries of Elkedom. During the last few months several classes of from 20 to 30 members have been initiated, but the present one is the largest in the history of the local lodge. The lodge now has a membership of almost 500.

Had the Cuban crop been bought, Wilnot testified, sugar would have been 12 cents a pound in this country.

# DENIES BRITAIN SEEKS CONTROL OF OIL SUPPLY

### Foreign Policy Directed Against No Man, Sir Auckland Geddes, Ambassador to U. S., Says.

New York, May 25.—Sweeping denial that Great Britain was seeking to monopolize the world's fuel oil supply was made here tonight by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador, speaking at the Plattsmouth dinner.

Statements that Great Britain had such intentions, he added, were as completely without basis in fact, as charges that Britain today was moved by militarist impulses.

"I say without fear of informed critics," Sir Auckland declared, "that British policy is directed against no man, but is inspired by the desire to seek peace, to bring order out of chaos, to extend the boundaries of freedom, to improve the lot of the oppressed and to increase the material prosperity of the world. That is our program, those are the principles by which I, as British representative in this land, am guided from day to day."

The ambassador touched also upon reports that the British government was trying to pool the war debts of Europe, "and to drag you (the United States) into the pool."

### No Grounds for Report

"You may seek far and wide for evidence on which that statement could be based," he said. "You will not find it. If you look closely you will find my government trying to pour oil on the troubled waters of Europe and you will also find onlookers who seize the oil as it is poured and throw it on the fires of anti-British feelings."

"I realize that traditional hatreds and ancient grudges die hard, but I can make full allowances for these things, but I do plead with each and all to realize that if they have oil to pour they will better serve their day and generation and the cause of all humanity by selecting troubled waters to receive their libation and avoiding smouldering fires."

### One Vessel Completed

In answering what he characterized as "wild duck" publications as to the British purposes, the ambassador dealt first with the British navy, saying that while more than a 4,000 ships, including four battle cruisers, were under construction when the armistice was signed, one cruiser, the Hood, too far advanced to permit cancellation, was the only major ship completed.

"We have not at present a single capital ship building or completing and not one ship, large or small, has been laid down since the armistice," he said.

The British army and air force had been "even more drastically" dealt with. Sir Auckland continued and added: "It is no business of mine to compare these facts with the corresponding action of any other nation, but I ask you to know yourselves to be non-militarist, to contrast them with your own national acts if you are tempted to think England militarist."

### No Danger of Financial Panic, Banker Declares

Cleveland, May 25.—Banks of the country are well able to carry the nation's industry through present difficulties, Richard S. Hawes, president of the American Bankers' association, told delegates to the annual convention of the Association of City Reserve Bankers here.

"There is no danger of a panic," Mr. Hawes told the bankers. "Credit is being given to industries steadily in proportion to their requirements and in keeping with the manner in which they do business. Checks have been placed on risky enterprises. "We are returning steadily to a period of normal conditions with deflated prices and more stable relations generally in all lines of business."

### Ulster Volunteers Rout Sinn Feiners at Lisbellaw

Belfast, Ireland, May 25.—The village of Lisbellaw, Ulster, has been given the lead in an organized effort to deal with Sinn Feinism. The Ulster volunteers have been reformed and pickets established.

At midnight Sunday, a sergeant going home saw an armed mob around his house. He notified the patrol, the mill siren was sounded and church bells rung, and the villagers turned out. The Sinn Feiners decamped.

### Socialists to Notify Debs of His Nomination

Chicago, May 25.—The national socialist party announced at its headquarters here that a committee of six headed by Seymour Stedman of Chicago, will leave this week for Atlanta to notify Eugene Debs in the federal prison there, of his nomination for the presidency of the United States on the socialist ticket. The members of the committee will meet in Atlanta Saturday morning.

### Grant Extradition for Alleged Howe Bank Robber

Topeka, Kan., May 25.—The application of Gov. S. R. McKelvie of Nebraska for the extradition to that state of Harry Kelley from Atchison, where he is being held in the county jail, was approved by Gov. H. J. Allen. Kelley was wounded in a battle between three alleged bank robbers and Atchison officers following robbery of a bank at Howe, Neb.

### President Deschanel Continues to Improve

Paris, May 25.—President Deschanel's condition is improving. He spent part of the afternoon in his library at work. At 6 o'clock in the evening he received his physicians. They issued the following bulletin: "The president's condition continues satisfactory. There is general soreness but no nervousness."

### Lighting Fixtures, Burgess Grand Con. Adv.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Lead Wire. El Paso, Tex., May 25.—Villa has issued a call to his followers in the mountains and plains of the north to assemble at Santa Gertrudis, Chihuahua, for a council of war. All of his old leaders who are living have been asked to join and many recruits are joining Villa from the mountain mining district near Parral.

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# U. S. May Experience Serious Labor Crisis

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payment of rentals and other items due the carriers from the government operation instead of withholding this amount for a final settlement months hence. The government owes the railroads for rentals, etc., a total of \$495,741,875, while the carriers owe the government for additions and betterments \$765,821,450.

Another proposal is that payment of the \$765,821,450 by the railroads to the government be extended over a period of 15 years at 6 per cent interest. This provided in the Cummins bill, now pending in the senate.

If the government should begin paying its debts to the railroads at once and defer payment of the railroad debt to the government, the financial distress of the carriers would be relieved, it is contended, and the railroads would experience little difficulty in negotiating loans on favorable terms from the banks for the purchase of cars and locomotives.

### Settlement Big Task

The task of settling accounts between the railroads and the government as the result of the two years of government operation is one of colossal proportions. Swager Sherley, director of finance in the railway administration, is said today that on February 29, last, when the government relinquished control, the government was indebted to the railroads \$1,476,928,805, while the carriers owed the government \$1,677,343,077.

Of the indebtedness due the railroads he estimated that \$815,379,145 could be applied against their indebtedness to the government, leaving to be paid to the railroads a net amount of \$661,549,664.

"Since March 1, about \$123,000,000 has been paid to the railroads on account of the government," said Mr. Sherley. "Final settlements can be made only when the figures are available for the accounting division and the magnitude of the undertaking, without parallel or precedent, is such as to necessitate the ascertainment of such figures a matter of considerable time."

### Deny Demands of Railways For Additional Revenue

Washington, May 25.—Efficiency of private management and the justice of the railroads demands for \$1,000,000 additional revenue was demanded by railroad representatives today before the Interstate Commerce commission against boring cross-examination of counsel for shippers and employees.

Under private control the roads expect to show greater efficiency and reduced expenses, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, declared in answer to questions by Glenn E. Plumb, representing the railway employees.

Frank Nay, vice-president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, explaining the questionnaire sent out by the roads, on which was based the estimated record of an additional income, said that on account of unsettled conditions due to the coal strike last fall figures for the year ending October 31, 1919, were used.

Additional income should be raised entirely from freight revenue, Mr. Nay declared, and not from passenger traffic, demurrage or terminal charges.

### Much Work Still Ahead Of New Mexican Regime

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Disorder also has been reported in San Luis Potosi and General Obregon has sent 500 men there to reinforce the revolutionist forces.

### Villa Now Fugitive From De Facto Troops

El Paso, Tex., May 25.—General Francisco Villa, bidding defiance to the newest Mexican government, again has become an outlaw among his own people. The bandit, with a small force of men, was reported today between Parral and Jimenez, Chihuahua, the hunted quarry of de facto troops, with a price of 100,000 pesos on his head, dead or alive.

Villa had been given until today to decide whether he would be at peace or war with the 73d government that has ruled Mexico in 92 years, in an ultimatum served on the bandit by Gen. P. Elias Calles, minister of war for the de facto government.

The ultimatum was delivered to Villa May 20 at his camp at Boquilla, Chihuahua, but before the time limit had expired the bandit chief marshaled his men and fled to what he considered safer haunts. His men and horses were in excellent condition because of the rest they had in the interim between being at war with the Carranza government and the new.

### Assesses Big Levy

The first thing Villa did after receipt of the de facto government's ultimatum was to assess a levy totalling \$500,000 against the big mining companies of southern Chihuahua, according to reports reaching here.

General Calles has ordered large bodies of troops against Villa. The bandit, he said, would be kept constantly on the move and away from possible sources of supply. Villa has threatened to begin another of his notorious expeditions of train-wrecking, destruction and murder.

### Mobilization is His Answer

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# Bleacherites Arrested For Gambling Fined; Donate to Police Fund

Chicago, May 25.—The 47 men arrested yesterday for betting on the ball games in the Chicago National league park lived up to the reputation of "sports" when they were arraigned in court. Judge Frank H. Graham ordered them to remain away from the bleachers hereafter and to keep the game clean from gambling.

"Now I will fine each of you \$1," said the judge. "If you're arrested again it will be the limit. This money will go to the fund of Officer William Roberts, who was killed by a train robber last week."

Some of the men gave as much as \$5 to the fund.

### Held on Check Charge

North Platte, Neb., May 25.—

(Special Telegram.)—Cecil Verbeke was arrested here on complaint of Kearney police, who allege that he passed several worthless checks in that city.

### North Platte Woman Held On Mann Indictment

North Platte, Neb., May 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Dorothy Dueberry alias Josephine Davis, wife of Harry Dueberry of this city, was arrested and arraigned before United States Commissioner William H. C. Woodhurst on a charge of violating the Mann act. She was placed under \$2,000 bond to appear in the federal court at Deaver, where she was indicted April 28. The indictment charges that she transported Ethel May Carroll from Denver to North Platte for immoral purposes.

In 1919, it was estimated that 11,000,000 women over 10 years of age in the United States were wage earners.

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