

FEARWORLD-WIDE CONTROL OF MEAT BY PACKERS OF U. S.

London Board of Trade Expresses Apprehensions.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Apprehensions of a world-wide meat control by American packing firms were disclosed in a recent report to the board of trade by a sub-committee of the standing committee on trusts.

"At present the American meat companies have nearly 60 per cent of the beef output from Argentina and Uruguay, and about 75 per cent of the capacity of the meat plants built or building in Brazil," the report stated. "Moreover, they control the high one-half of the whole trade of Smithfield (the great London meat market), and they have also a solid footing in Canada and Australia."

"Fears as to the extension of their activities are not confined to the United Kingdom, but are equally strong in the dominions," it continues. "The more they may be able to extend their operations in South America, the more they may be able to divert supplies from reaching the United Kingdom; and the more they are able to control distributive business here, the more securely they will have the British consumer in their grip."

Suggestions were made by the committee to restrain, by taxation and by subsidizing refrigerated shipping companies, the expansion of foreign interests here, and an international investigation was recommended to go into the whole situation with a view to taking common action.

A rejoinder to the committee's findings is made by E. E. Cabell, the London manager of Armour & Co., who, in an interview with a Press Association representative, complains that none of the American firms were heard by the committee, and charges that the latter's report was compiled "under strong prejudice."

"Several passages in the report show a clear but ill-informed animus against the American firms," Cabell states, "particularly in its reference to Argentina. No one would guess from the report that the Chicago packers entered the Argentine market at the entreaties of the British firms which had opened up the territory, and had paid heavily for their experience, and were anxious to be bought out."

Mr. Cabell suggests that part of the supposed animus disclosed in the report is due to the reluctance of certain British firms to sell at the high prices of the American firms, and that the latter's methods of their American rivals," and he says the only effect of the report must be to raise meat prices all over the United Kingdom.

MUMMY INDUSTRY ACTIVELY REVIVED

Dealers in Fake Egyptian Antiques Approach European Collectors.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—Now that international commerce is restored over nearly all the trade routes of the high seas, there are signs that the "false mummy" industry, one of the most fascinating of Egyptian tricks, is being revived. Dealers in fake Egyptian antiques are approaching European collectors and museums of Europe. During the last few weeks agents of the "false mummy" industry have approached well-known Paris collectors, trying to sell at phenomenally low prices the uninitiated remains of ancient Pharaoh, Ramses II or of his servile functionaries.

According to one collector who was offered a set of ancient scarabs engraved with hieroglyphics telling the story of some unidentified Egyptian princess, the market is being flooded with faked tomb relics of all sorts. The bulk of duplicates offered by natives of the regions of Gurna, Qus, Luxor and Delli-el-Bahari, where British and French excavations have unearthed thousands of dollars worth of real relics, which were eagerly bought by museum directors on both sides of the Atlantic. The natives' work before the war was frequently humoured, and the dealers being used to imitate—but partially only—the glazing processes of the ancient Egyptians. As a result the fabricated mummies were of a newness that often would have failed to convince the merest beginner in the art of Egyptology.

Now, however, the mummy makers have learned their lesson and are leaving no loopholes for detection. They know they are safe as far as the interior of the mummy is concerned, for once opened the casings lose their value. In order to increase their deception, the "fake builders" of the Nile are now bolting their mummy cloths in a solution containing the debris of real mummies, and when the finished object is delivered to an unsuspecting purchaser he is struck by the odor of the tomb, and promptly empties his purse into the eager hands of the complacent fellow. Even gold shell rings, turned out in hundreds in an upper room of a Cairo tenement, when treated with this solution are said to have a mysterious convincing odor of the genuine connection with the history of the Egyptian dynasties.

Meanwhile, experts are cautioning individual and museum collectors to be on their guard against the return of the "false mummy" dealers, and many interesting comments are being passed as a result, on the ease with which even the experts have been deceived in the past. Even M. Cabart, director of the Musée du Centenaire at Brussels, once paid 10,000 francs for two ancient scarabs—artificially carved by an Egyptian student who had purchased the rough scarabs at a Paris sale for a few centimes. But the best-known incident of the gullibility of experts as far as Egyptian relics are concerned is that of the Louvre which paid \$40,000 for what it believed to be the tibia of Saitapharnes, and it was not until the precious relic had been displayed in the Louvre collection for seven years that a casual Egyptologist discovered evidence that the tibia had never seen Egypt, having been fabricated in a Brussels jewelry shop.

FOUR NEW CASES OF BOTULINUS POISONING

GRAND RAPIDS, Jan. 31.—Four new cases of botulinus poisoning have been it was announced today. None of them, it was announced today. None of them, however, is regarded as serious. A laboratory analysis made at the University of Illinois, following the death of three hospital attacks and the illness of 25 others last week, has definitely established the presence of poison in preserved spinach served at the hospital, according to the state food and drug department.

CANNED IN CALIFORNIA. CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—The preserved spinach which caused the death of four persons at Grand Rapids, Mich., recently was canned in California in 1919 and sold through a Chicago broker last year, the food inspection bureau said it had learned today. An investigation was started here to ascertain if any of the spinach was sold in Chicago.

OF SLEEPING SICKNESS VICTIM AT HAMILTON

HAMILTON, Jan. 31.—John W. Jones of this city died today from sleeping sickness. He was taken ill on Friday, January 21, at Brantford, but did not regard his condition as serious. He returned to Hamilton the following day and grew rapidly worse. He was 41 years of age.

MOVE TO CHECK TARIFF DEBATE

Senate Republican Leaders Try To Enact Closure Measure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senate Republican leaders, in accordance with their program for procedure with the Fordney emergency tariff bill, today asked unanimous consent for a vote February 15 and, upon objection, presented their petition for cloture or limitation of debate.

Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio, objected to the proposal for a vote February 15, after an address in which he denounced the bill as "taking away everything that goes on the breakfast table of the workman."

The cloture petition, presented by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, in charge of the bill, bore names of thirty-four Republican senators, and will be voted on at 1 o'clock Wednesday. It requires a two-thirds vote for adoption, and its defeat was conceded tonight by Republicans and Democrats.

In presenting the cloture plan, the first time an attempt has been made to invoke it since the Senate controversy over the peace treaty, Senator Penrose said he had exhausted every reasonable effort to get an agreement for voting. He did not indicate what would be done with the bill in event of defeat of cloture, but Senators McNamara of North Dakota and Borah of Idaho, Republicans, served notice that they would attempt to bring the bill before the Senate and make every effort to get a vote before the session ends. The notices of these two senators were regarded as likely to change plans for laying aside the bill in event of failure of cloture. It was said that instead of sidetracking the bill formally it probably would be laid aside "temporarily" from debate to give consideration to the session appropriation bills. Private predictions were that, however, there was little prospect of enactment of the measure.

GALT FIRMS ARE IN QUANDARY OVER RAIL FACILITIES

Grand River Franchise Expires At Midnight Tonight.

GALT, Jan. 31.—At midnight on Tuesday the Grand River Railway's franchise on Water street will expire, and on Wednesday morning cars on this line, as well as the Lake Erie and Northern Railway, will enter the city over their own right-of-way, the new line of the former into the city being ready for the change. Since 1894 the Grand River Railway, originally the Galt and Preston Railway, has been running on Water street, and the change to Main street is to give a high-speed service between this city and Kitchener to correspond with that of the other line, the L. E. and N.

As to whether the industrial area on the west side of the city is to continue to receive the benefits of the switching service provided by the Grand River Railway is still a matter of doubt. The railway company wants a five-year franchise, but the hydro-electric commission, which is to make this a centre for radials, refuses to consent, and the power rents with it. Unable to agree, the city asked the Dominion Railway Board to adjust the differences in regard to the continuance of the operation of the line, but Hon. P. B. Carvell, in a letter to the city clerk today, points out that there are many difficulties from a legal viewpoint, and furthermore, with the expiration of the Grand River Railway franchise on Water street on February 2, the railway board's jurisdiction over the line on the street ceases. He suggests that the interested parties get together and settle their differences. Manufacturers who depend largely on the spur line are now in a quandary as to the future.

MANY ROBBERIES REPORTED AT BORDER

London Firm Is Among Losers in Petty Thieving Epidemic.

WINDSOR, Jan. 31.—The police tonight are endeavoring to run down a gang which in the past 24 hours has successfully robbed the windows of several stores and broken into numerous dwellings. Among other windows robbed, was that of the Caravella shop, a branch of a London firm. The plate glass window was smashed with a stone and goods worth \$75 taken.

A window in the restaurant of Joseph Lee was smashed and an attempt made to enter. The hardware of W. J. Doyle, Chatham street, was entered through a broken window, but no property was stolen. Mike Keoleneuch, 427 Montmorency street, says he was robbed of \$35 last night while visiting London and (last Madeline, at 61 Glenagarry avenue, charges of assault, robbery and selling liquor were laid against the pair today. Two guests in the place were arrested. Albert Smith, 42 Victoria avenue, reported that his house was entered early today, and a police dog got up and found a man in the cellar. Owen Smith, arrested on a charge of breaking and entering, appeared in court today and was remanded for one week.

PRESENTATION IS MADE AT EMBRO

EMBRO, Jan. 31.—Mrs. W. P. Lane's Sunday school class and friends gathered at her home, and Miss Margaret Gunn read an address to Mrs. Harry Lippert, who was recently married. Prior to her marriage she was a member of Mrs. Lane's class. Miss Anna Dawes presented Mrs. Lippert with a splendid casserole. Mrs. Lippert made a short reply, thanking all. During the evening violin music was rendered by Innes Rose, L. Brown and G. R. Smith, pianist, Miss Joan Holmes.

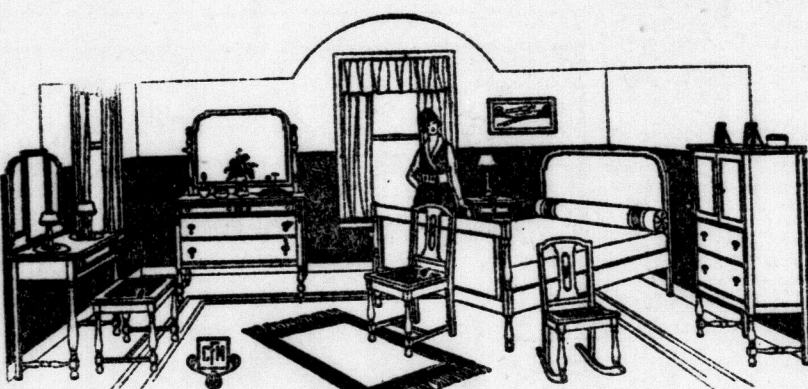
The Y. P. S. of the Congregational Church intend putting on a recital early in February in aid of the Chinese relief fund, and have engaged Capt. Martin of Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Boxall and family of Woodstock have moved back again, and have purchased the North Embro mill. On Wednesday night a large number of the friends of ex-Warden Dr. H. Atkinson and his family gathered at the town hall. Reeve Tuttle was chairman, with a number of the county councillors and Reeves seated on the platform. Councillors Hoggarth read a suitable address to Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson, and George Ford presented Mr. Atkinson with a gold watch and chain, and Burns Sutherland presented Mrs. Atkinson with a necklace. Warden Atkinson made a reply on behalf of himself and his wife. Addresses were given by several of the county councillors and others. Songs were rendered by Miss Youngs, Miss Dean and Mr. William Farrell of Woodstock. Violin music was rendered by the Harrington Orchestra; William Sutherland was pianist. After the program, lunch was served and the chairs were cleared away and dancing was indulged in.

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HALF PRICE FOR CASH.

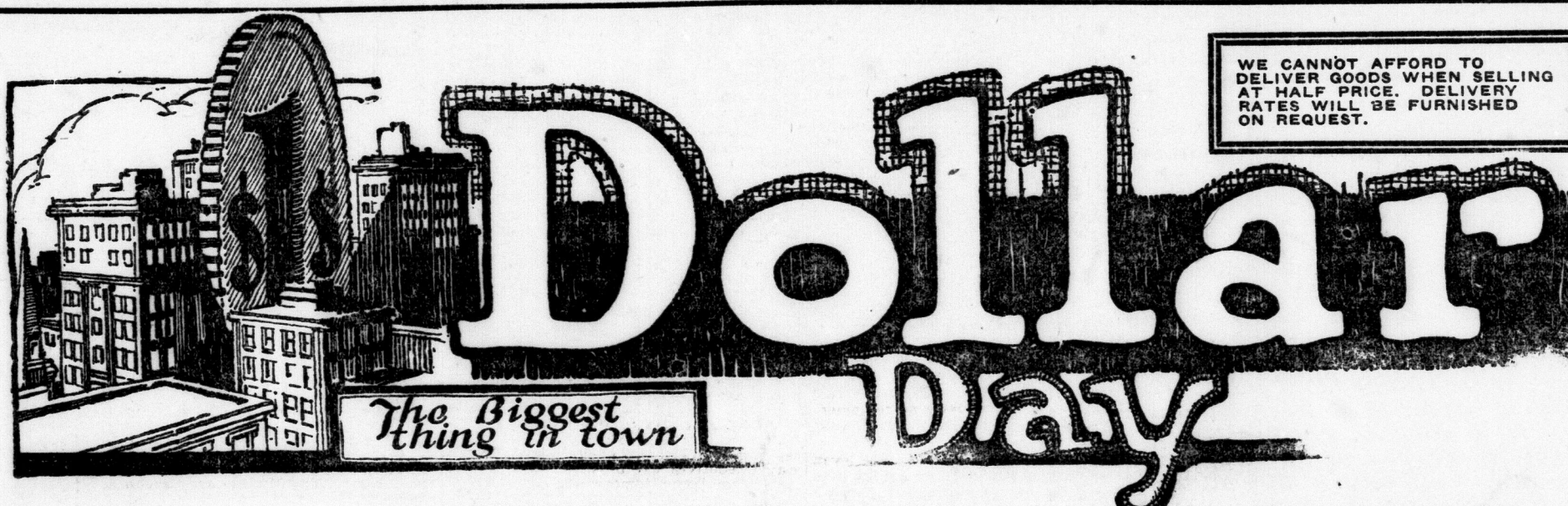
It's going to be as good a year as you make it. Good business starts with home contentment. Make your household content with furniture they will be proud of. Buy it February 3—Dollar Day Only. These specials are many of them at less than half regular price. Everything is on sale Dollar Day from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. at half price, the specials listed below being in some cases less than half price.



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from \$66.00 up. Davenports, made of highest grade tapestry, with solid quarter-cut oak framed frame, from \$145.00 and up. Three-piece Chesterfield Suites, upholstered in tasty tapestry designs, \$166.00 and up, all at Half Price.

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