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U. S. TO PROSECUTE BIG PACKERS UNDER ANTI-TRUST LAW

ANTI-TRUST SUITS RECOMMENDED AGAINST PACKERS

Evidence That U. S. Government Hopes for Criminal Convictions in Some Cases.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Anti-trust suits against the great meat packing firms were announced today by Attorney-General Palmer as the first concrete development of the government's campaign to reduce the high cost of living.

The evidence in hand, Attorney-General Palmer declared, indicated a "clear violation of the anti-trust laws."

Whether the prosecutions would be civil or criminal, the attorney-general declined to state, merely recalling that the history of all the government's anti-trust prosecutions in 25 years does not show a single individual ever serving a jail sentence for a violation.

On Trail of Profiteers
While he was announcing prosecutions of the packers, Attorney-General Palmer was unleashing his special agents on a country-wide trail of profiteering and food hoarding.

Drastic Laws Foreseen
There was no intimation from the White House as to the nature of the recommendations the president would make in addressing congress.

Legislation to reach the smaller or individual profiteer as well as "big business" extortion.

Another major development of the case was the making public of the federal trade commissioner's report on the shoe industry investigation.

Whiskey peddlars in Hamilton smuggle their whiskey from Montreal to Toronto and engage motor trucks to cart it on the Hamilton highway to the Ambitious City.

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KING CONFERS ORDER OF MERIT ON PREMIER FOR WAR SERVICES

Regrets It Is Not Possible to Grant Any Title to Mark Nation's Appreciation.

London, August 6.—King George today conferred upon Premier David Lloyd George the Order of Merit as a sign of his appreciation of Mr. Lloyd George's war services.

In a letter to the premier dated Buckingham Palace, August 5, announcing the award, the King says:

"My Dear Prime Minister: Honors and rewards to officers of the army, navy and air force having been submitted to parliament, I feel that my people will share with me regret that it is not possible to express the nation's grateful recognition of the persistent services rendered by the prime minister, both in carrying the war to a victorious end, and in securing an honorable peace. To rectify somewhat this omission and personally to mark my high appreciation of these services, it gives me great pleasure to confer upon you the Order of Merit.

The order of merit was established by the late King Edward in 1902 and is designed as a special distinction for men eminent in any department military and civilian. The order is limited in number to 24. The badge for civilians is a cross of red and blue enamel bearing on its inner portion the words "For Merit" in gold letters within a laurel wreath, the reverse containing the royal cypher.

RUMANIA'S DEMANDS ARE FAR IN EXCESS OF ARMISTICE TERMS

Ultimatum Sent to New Hungarian Government Demands Army Be Reduced to 15,000 Men—Allies Notify Rumania That Terms Cannot Be Allowed.

Paris, Aug. 6.—Messages reaching the peace conference today advised that body that Rumania had served an ultimatum, expiring yesterday at 3 p.m., on the Hungarian government, making demands far in excess of the armistice terms.

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STANDARD RELIANCE CREDITORS ACCEPT LIQUIDATOR'S PLAN

But Big Meeting Says Hard Things About Company's Directors.

There were some seven hundred creditors of the Standard Reliance Mortgage Corporation present in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon to listen to a report on the affairs of the defunct institution from G. T. Clarkson and to consider a scheme for the reconstruction of the company.

Mr. Clarkson was ready with his reply and said, "I was appointed official referee by the courts and nothing can be done without my sanction. My position as chairman is unquestionable. When you appoint a permanent liquidator I will retire in his favor."

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James Henry Thomas, member of parliament, and general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said tonight he hoped there would be no misunderstanding of the importance of this decision, and that all members of the union would loyally accept it as in their own best interest.

One of the secretaries of the dockers union of Liverpool explained today that the resolution carried yesterday by the executive of the union demanding reinstatement of the dismissed policemen, failure which whole-hearted support would be given to the police, does not mean that there is any present intention of calling the dockers out in support of the dismissed policemen's request for reinstatement.

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Candidates Heard at the Convention
Three Make Strong Speeches—Fielding Yet to Be Heard From.

Special to The Toronto World.
Ottawa, Aug. 6.—Three of the candidates for the Liberal leadership trotted a trial heat before a crowded grand stand tonight. Hon. Mackenzie King made a great oration on his favorite topic of industrial reconstruction and was wildly cheered by Quebec. Hon. George P. Graham made a strong appeal and cleared himself of the current charge against him by denouncing Sir Clifford Sifton and Sir William Mackenzie. Judge D. D. McKenzie made a fighting speech and defended himself against the charge of being a protectionist.

LIBERAL CONVENTION PASSES RESOLUTION ON THE TARIFF

FIELDING MAY WITHDRAW FROM RACE

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—After the adjournment of the convention, a widespread report was in circulation that Hon. Mr. Fielding would not permit his name to go before the gathering. It was said that he had written a letter to this effect to Andrew Hayden, general secretary of the convention.

The Tariff Resolution Liberals Are Discussing

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—The tariff resolution, which was submitted this afternoon to the Liberal convention, was as follows:

That, to these ends, wheat, wheat flour and all products of wheat, the principal articles of food, farm implements and machinery, farm tractors, mining, flour, and sawmill machinery and repair parts thereof, rough and dressed lumber, gasoline, illuminating, lubricating and fuel oils, nets, net-twines and fishermen's equipments, cement and fertilizers should be free from customs duties, as well as the raw material entering into the same.

And the Liberal party hereby pledges itself to implement by legislation the provision of this resolution when returned to power.

RIFT IN THE CLOUD OF LABOR TROUBLES SHOWS IN BRITAIN

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FEDERAL ADVANCES ON FARMERS' WHEAT

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—An official statement issued today says: "Sir Robert Borden is in receipt of many telegrams from western Canada protesting against the fixing of a minimum price for this year's wheat crop and urging that the farmers of the west be entitled to the full benefit of the best price in the world's market. The course which these gentlemen desire is precisely that which the government has taken. The price of wheat has been fixed, but in order to avoid inconvenience to farmers, who must of necessity have an advance in ready money on account of their crop, the government proposes that the Canadian wheat board shall make, to such producer, a reasonable and substantial payment on account. The amount of this payment will be recommended by the Canadian wheat board, and the government will provide the necessary funds for the purpose.

Favors Reductions, Aims to Lower Living Costs, and Advocates Greater British Preference—Mackenzie King Boom Grows.

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—The second day of the Liberal national convention has been one of dramatic surprises with intervals of dullness and fatigue. Nearly 1400 delegates and alternates were present this morning when the convention was called to order.

The voting for the leader will begin at half past 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. This morning the tide was flowing strongly toward Hon. W. S. Fielding, with Hon. George P. Graham apparently a close second and Hon. Mackenzie King a poor third.

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STEWART TO HEAD WHEAT COMMISSION

Ottawa, Aug. 6.—James Stewart of Winnipeg, who was Canadian representative of the British Wheat Export Company, the British government grain purchasing organization during the war, will be the chairman of the Canada wheat commission shortly to be appointed. Mr. Stewart was offered the position and has accepted it. The wheat commission will consist of ten or twelve members. It will be empowered to name an executive committee and will have its headquarters at Winnipeg.

The commission will purchase all the wheat of the 1919 crop and dispose of it to the best advantage. It will make a cash advance to every farmer from whom it acquires grain at a rate per bushel to be announced by the government. Later it will distribute among the producers, in accordance with the quality and grade of their grain, any surplus of the proceeds of the sale of crop after a deduction has been made to cover the cost of handling. The farmer will thus receive the full value of his wheat, less the cost of handling.

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