## MENACING POWER OF PACKING HOUSES

Report by U. S. Commission Shows They Are Asquiring Control of Foodstuffs.

#### FINANCIAL POWER

Stock Ownership Representation in Banks.

Washington, July 11.—An approaching packer domination of all important foods in the United States and an international control of meat products with foreign companies seem a certainty unless fundamental action is taken to prevent it, the federal trade commission declared today in part one of its report to President Wilson on the "extent and growth of power of the five packers in meat and other This

"A fair consideration of the course the five packers have followed and the position they have already reach-ed," said the report, "must lead to the conclusion that they threaten the free-dom of the market of the country's industries linked therewith. The meat packer control of other foods will not

require long in developing."

Declaring "the history of the packers' growth is interwoven with illegal combinations, rebates and with undisclosed control of corporations," the report urged the importance of full pub-licity of corporate ownership for all

Alleging that the "big five" packers—Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Wilson & Co., Morris & Co. and the Cudahy Co .- jointly or separately, wield controlling interests in 574 companies, minority interest in 95 others and undetermined interest in 93-a total of 762 companies—and that they produce or deal in some 775 commo largely food products, the report gives this picture of growing packer inva-sion into related and unrelated indus-

Growing Packer Invasion. "In addition to meat foods, they produce or deal in such divers com-modities as fresh tomatoes and banjo strings, leather and cottonseed oil, breakfast foods, curled hair, pepsin and washing powder. Their branch houses are not only stations for the distribution of meat and poultry, but take on the character of wholesale

"They have interests large enough to be a dominating influence in most of the services connected with the production and distribution of animal foods and their by-products, and are reaching out for control, not only of substitutes of animal food, but for substitutes for other lines into which the integration of their business has led them. They are factors in cattle "They have interests large enough the integration. They are factors in cattle led them. They are factors in cattle led private car lines transporting live stock and manufactured animal pr ducts; in most of the important stock yards companies, the public market for the bulk of food animals, and in live stock trade papers on which growers and feeders rely for market

Interested in Banks.

"They are interested in banks from which their competitor packing houses borrow money; in companies supplying machinery, ice, salt, materials, boxes, etc., to themselves and their competitors; they are principal dealers competitors; they are principal dealers on the provision exchanges where suture prices in standard cured animal products are determined; they or their subsidiary companies deal in hides, oleo, fertilizer, material and other crude animal by and other prices. animal by-products; purchase manufacture thereof to a further stage than most of their competitors.

leather industry, in colomargarine and land the battle is not yet over, but lard substitutes, in cotton-seed oil, in the fires are now pretty well confined. fertilizen in soap, in glue, etc.
"Their vast distributing system, with

the advantages arising from the con-trol of private cars, cold-storage, and a network of branch houses, has enabled them to extend their activities on a large scale into poultry, eggs, cheese, butter, rice, breakfast foods, canned vegetables, soda fountain supplies and other lines.

and other European countries, large meat distributing companies have been organized by the packers to sell the presents well over five million head of meats from their plants in the United States, Argentine, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil and Australia."

The Financial Power. As to financial power, the report

said in part: "The packer has drawn to a marked degree upon the banks of the country liquid funds. To assure himself loans ample to his purpose, the big packer has secured affiliation thru stock-ownership representation on directorates and in other ways, with numerous banks and trust companies.' After reviewing the interest of the packers in the leather, fertilizer, cotton-seed oil, grain and breakfast food

industries, the report said:
"The reason why the packers are seeking control of the substitutes for meat-the foods that compete with meats-are obvious. If the prices of substitutes for meats are once brought under packer control, the consumer will have little to gain in turning to them for relief from excessive meat

"Judged conservatively by trade es-timates the big five handle at least half of the poultry, eggs and cheese in the main channels of interstate

"Recently the big packers began dealing in various staple groceries and vegetables, such as rice, potatoes, beens and coffee and increased their sales at such a rate that in certain lines they have become factors of great moment."

Activities in South America. Referring to the packers activities in South America, the report said that from establishment of a single plant in Argentina in 1907 by Swift, and Company the American packers, Swift, Armour, Morris and Wilson, had developed by 1917 until for that year they exported 57.4 per cent, of all ex-ports of frozen and chilled beef from Argentina and Uruguay. 'It is significant of their power and the rapidity of their action," said the report,

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# AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

American Company, Surprised Near Vladivostok, Rallied in a Log Cabin.

Romanovka, Siberia, July 11. - It was at this little village, 50 miles northeast of Vladivostok, that at dawn on June 25 a force of 300 Bolsheviks attacked an American camp in which were 74 men of Company A, 31st In-fantry, killing 19 and wounding 27 others, two of whom died of their

wounds.

The men of Company A who were grocery stores, dealers in various kinds of produce and jobbers to specrept up and hid in the dense under-

They are factors in cattle ley unscathed, some pulled on only a

Then for three hours the Americans fought as in an Indian battle of the frontier days, relief finally coming to them when 17 men rolled in on a train after an American volunteer had run from the besieged cabin to the nearest camp, five miles distant. The Bolsheviki, thinking large rein-

forcements were arriving, then with-drew toward the hills, dragging their wounded and some of their dead with them, but leaving behind eight of their number who had been killed.

Forest Fires in Alberta Now Practically Controlled

Calgary, July 11.-Forest fires west from other packers these crude by-from other packers these crude by-products, and themselves carry the products, and themselves carry the products, and themselves carry the area yesterday afternoon. "They are important factors in the and rangers have made a hard fight fined.

"that in 1910, three years after their entrance into River Plate, (Argentina), field they had secured control of over 40 per cent. of the trade; that in 1915 they had substantially 65 per cent.; and that their weighted average control during the eight years from 1910 to 1917 was 55 per cent. In this period they exported nearly 22.000,000 quarters of the beef from these two South American countries, which re-

> The American packers control, or are associated with, 17 meat companies or holding companies in South

comes, with the exception of one other stockholder, the sole partner with his father. Henry Ford, in the corporation. This announcement was made here to-day by Frank L. Klingensmith, vice-president and general manager of the

Mr. Klingensmith announced that the purchase had been arranged of all he minority stock excepting a block held by James Couzens, millionaire mayor of Detroit, and former vicepresident of the company. Mr. Kling-ensmith and other officials of the com-pany refused to divulge the amount involved in the purchase. It was esti-mated in financial circles, however, that it would total close to \$100,000,000. Up to the present Henry Ford has held 581/2 per cent. of the Ford Motor stock. The minority stock bought in included that of John F. and Horace

E. Dodge, heads of the Dodge Motor Company.
Today's announcement comes as a nplete surprise in motor and financial circles, as it had been rumored for some weeks that another large autonobile corporation was seeking the

No New Company. Mount Clemens, Mich., July 11.—Ed-sel Ford, praesident of the Ford Motor Company, stated that the new stock purchase means that there will be no new automobile company formed, as had been planned by the Ford family and announced in California last

Wages, he said, would be increased from time to time, but he declined to confirm the report current among certain Ford employes, that a \$7 minimum would be put in effect soon.

He also declined to state the price paid for the minority stock. The Ford amily now hold 89 per cent.

Re-elect Miss A. M. Brown President of King's Daughters St. John, N.B., July 11.-The Do-

minion convention of the King's Daughters this afternoon re-elected Miss A. M. Brown of Toronto, president, and Miss L. Thorne of Fredericton, secretary. Mrs. J. E. Austin of Toronto was elected treasurer. Prince, During Canadian Tour,

Not to Speak at Luncheons

Vancouver, July 11 .- The Prince of Wales during his visit to Canada has decided not to accept invitations which will be involved in his speak ing at public luncheons," according to America, according to the reports to the commission. the Vancouver Canadian Club

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Names of Soldiers for Toronto District-Men Now on Train En Route Home.

Portland, Maine, July 11.-The transport Araguaya with 769 wounded Canadians arrived today from Liverpool. Most of the wounded had recovered, but there were some serious cases, including thirty-eight insane. All were forwarded by special train to Canadian military districts.

Among those on board were 23 officers and seven nursing sisters. Sergeant R. B. C. Smith of Chester, N.S., died on July 4. of heart trouble, and was buried at sea the next day. was buried at sea the next day.

Officers returned aboard the hospital ship are as follows: pital ship are as tonows.

Capt. George A. Clarke, Port Hope;
Lieut.-Col. Norman B. Gwyn, Dun-

das; Lieut. Andrew F. Menzies, Orillia; Lieut. Herry C. Scarth, To-onto; Lieut. Elmer S. Chagnon, Hamilton; Major John C. Hartley,

to Toronto military district follows. Unless otherwise designated, the Unless otherwise designated, the names are of soldiers for Toronto: E. S. Chagnon, Hamilton; N. B. Gwyn, Dundas; J. C. Hartley, H. C. Scott. E. Fairfield; R. Mallory, Hamilton; J. W. Ogiltree, M. C. Robinson, C. Houltz, T. Milligan, E. H. McHenry W. T. V. Smart, G. Soderstrom, V. E. Sormberger, W. Oldfield, C. A. G. Dow, R. E. Fisher, C. Jarvis, C. C. Partridge, S. Best; A. J. Campbell, Milton West; W. Burnie, Sutton; A. G. Carpen'er, Hamilton; H. W. Fletcher, Mamilton; R. Gribble; S. E. Hall, Brantford; J. Johnstone, J. W. Ledsham; F. Parent, St. Catharines; E. R. Smith, Whitby; W. Smith, Hamilton; W. F. Aucketell, J. W. Bell, F. J. Brown, G. H. Carter, W. G. Chales, H. K. Clawson, W. J. Cluttle; H. D. Cornell, Hamilton; Mayor Couzens of Detroit Only
Other Shareholder Under
Reorganization Plan.

Detroit, July 11.—Re-organization of the Ford Motor Company is being completed, whereby Edsel B. Ford, 25-year-old president of the company, becomes, with the exception of one other. Howes, W. H. Hill, J. Hovell, W. H. Howes, W. Jarvis, E. Johnson, J. Kennedy, Hamilton; P. T. Laborde, Brantford; A. Laclaire, Hamilton; J. W. Loftus, W. T. Maguire, Brantford; A. H. Makeley, Hamilton; W. A. Mooney, F. E. Monaghan, J. Muir, A. E. McKenzie, D. Nicholson, J. Orntoski, Hamilton; C. F. Posteces. Muir, A. E. McKenzie, D. Nicholson, J. Orntoski, Hamilton; C. F. Porteous, G. Rawson, Orillia; J. T. Roussel, Mount Hamilton; A. G. Shaw, Oakville; J. C. Stewart, Hamilton; W. A. F. Smith, H. J. Smith, Mount Hamilton; W. F. Symonds, R. Turner, W. Turner, T. Urwin, J. A. Wright.

Evidence Given at Inquest Into Suicide of London Beauty.

London, July 11. — The Earl of March, chief witness at the coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Arthur ot, who was found shot dead in a barricaded room in her home on Wednesday, testified today that Mrs. Eliot had consulted him regarding the actions of her husband, Captain Arthur Eliot, a dramatist and grandson of the late Earl of St. Germans. Mrs. Eliot, better known as Mrs. Mabel Louise Atherton, was the divorced wife of Col. Thomas Atherton.

The Earl of March, in his testimony, said Mrs. Eliot told him her husband was making his home with his step-daughter—the daughter of his former wife-and that he refused to return to their home.

Other evidence given at the inquest tended to show Mrs. Eliot killed herself after having had disagreements with her husband over his step-daughter. Testimony showed that Mrs. Eliot lived with Capt. Eliot only a short

The step-daughter referred to by the Earl of March, Miss Cornell, when called to the stand, in her testimony, denied statements credited to Mrs. Eliot regarding Miss Cornell's relations with Capt. Eliot. Miss Cornell was a daughter of Capt. Eliot's second wife, who was Mrs. William A. C. Cornell.

SUPPLIES ARE STOLEN AND SHIPPED TO GERMANY

Coblenz, July 11.—A plot involving wholesale thefts of food, automobile tires and other troop supplies for shipment to Germany, has been uncovered by army officers here, it was learned today, when several Germans who are alleged to have had a hand

in the plans, were arrested.

Three cars of American bacon and three cars of tires and tubes, which were billed thru to unoccupied Germany as empties, were returned to Coblenz today from the edge of the bridgehead, the military police alleging that the goods had been stolen. Officers say that shipments under various prairies have seen going on for oncers say that simplifies under various pretexts have geen going on for weeks, and possibly months, and they estimate the loss to the army at several million francs.

THREE ALLIED WARSHIPS ARE ORDERED TO FIUME organ, Mr. Gibson's service has been

Paris. July 11.-Three allied warships, one each from the British and French and American navies, have been ordered to proceed to Fiume, where there have been disorders re-cently between Italian troops and other elements in the force of occu-pation. The situation at Fiume, however, is reported to be more quiet.

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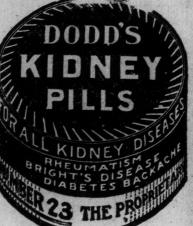
St. John, N.B., July 11 .- The Canaby the Dominion council of the Boy of the World, are carrying on a cam-Scouts' Association of Canada as its secured, and he has been added to the liated organizations, acting on the principles of radical socialism and are council as Dominion publicity agent. endeavoring to secure the allegiance of all leagues which may be formed ry the war veterans.

Montreal, July 11.—The discovery of No Government Action Yet the body of a man identified as Leon Demers, at Shawbridge, near the boys' far mand training school; on Tuesday

case, in the opinion of Coroner La-belle of St. Jerome. The coroner, upon examination of the body, found that the man's skull was fractured at the rear base, and there was a rope Regina, July 11.—Storey & Van Eg-

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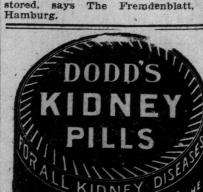
Bolsheviks in Montreal Now the Organ of Boy Scouts

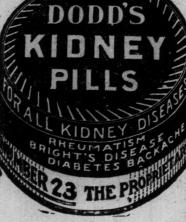
Montreal, July 11.—Bolshevik agents dian Boy Magazine, established here are at work in this city and thru Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, of by Percy Gibson, has been purchased the medium of the Industrial Workers Berlin, will propably be appointed paign to gain support among the returned soldiers. The I. W. W.'s have formed an industrial council of affi-

To Quiet Unrest at Sydney

Ottawa, July 11.-Hon. G. D. Robertson, minister of labor, stated today that he knew of no action which his department could take at present, with regard to the situation at Sydney mines, where serious unrest, due to unemployment, is reported. He said that he had not received any com-munication from the steel workers mon have been commissioned to design plans for a new barracks here for the R.N.W.M.P. to cost \$80,000.

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