

EXPLAINS HOW PACKERS KILL HOGS AND WORKERS

"They kill hogs and steers and sheep out in the slaughter houses of the Armours and Swifts. These they kill with knives that slit the throats of the hogs and with hammers that batter in the skulls of the steers.

"Back of the yards, where the working people live, they kill babies and mothers and fathers. These they kill with low wages and ghastly living conditions."

These were statements of Ald. John C. Kennedy to a Day Book reporter just before he took the witness stand yesterday to testify before the U. S. industrial relations commission at the Hotel Sherman.

It was understood that Kennedy would read to the commission the suppressed parts of a report made by him while he was head of an investigation into wage and living conditions in the stockyards district two years ago.

It is known one part of this report (never printed) reads as brutally as some of the stories from the war-struck sections of Europe.

In one little block of houses there were 26 deaths in a year. Consumption took one-third of them.

"It was an undertakers' harvest," says a friend of Kennedy's who has seen the report.

J. Ogden Armour, head of the world's greatest food producing company, takes the stand today.

Wesley Russell, secretary Commercial Telegraphers' union, put into evidence a "general discharge list" signed by T. P. Cook, general superintendent of the Western Union Co. today. The list goes out to all divisions. After names of many men are the words "discharged for cause." This means a man is a union man and should not be hired again.

"The union man is put on the same level with the embezzler," he said. "Neither of them can get jobs again. The blacklist is sure and deadly."

"R. M. Shoemaker, chief special agent of the Western Union, has his office at Room 15, 192 Broadway, New York, across the street from 195 Broadway, the W. U. headquarters. From here he directs the movements of the army of spies and spotters that name all men who are for organization and are discharged."

Russell put into evidence a letter signed by Shoemaker. It was sent to G. C. Roderick, then a gum-shoe man at Chicago. It told Roderick:

"Get on the inside of the union and find out what they are doing. Your expenses should be entered on a separate account and sent to me."

The salary and expenses of one gum-shoe man, as shown by a record Russell had, were \$160 for one month. One copy of each such expense account goes to Vice Pres. Belvidere Brooks and to T. P. Cook, Chicago superintendent.

RUSSIA TOO SAD FOR HUMORIST



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Sholem Aleichem, "Yiddish Mark Twain," who has come to America from Russia to continue literary work interrupted by war.