

LEGISLATION TO COMBAT RISE IN PRICES PLANNED

Anderson Bill Introduced in House Limits Control of Packers Over Food.

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN.
The recent agitation for some sort of repressive or regulatory action by the government, to limit the activity of the packing group, has led to the introduction of a bill in congress, providing for the licensing of the packers. The bill was introduced in the house by Representative Kenyon, of Iowa, on Monday.

Numerous suggestions have been made by the Federal Trade commission to the same purpose, and these were adopted in part by the framers of the bill, but by no means as a whole. We understand that the bill makes no attempt to "control" distribution. With reference to the reasons for and the purposes of the bill, a Chicago Tribune correspondent at Washington quotes Representative Anderson as saying:

"This bill is grounded upon the theory that the business of the packers is so large, so inter-related with unrelated food products business, and its expansion in and control over all lines of food products so menacing and so inimical to the interests of both producers and consumers as to make essential government control of the industry."

Purposes of the Bill.

We have said that the bill does not attempt to control distribution, and by this we mean not "directly or specifically." But we judge that the license issued will be for buying, selling or doing certain things, in certain lines, and only in the lines specified in said license. This would seem to be the pith of the whole matter. One of the aims of the bill is to "accomplish a divesture of the packers' interests in the stockyards." There can be no doubt whatever that the broad efficiency of the meat stockyards is almost entirely the result of the packers' efforts to build up an organization which is almost frictionless, and which comes pretty close to being automatic in action. That the packers will be large stockholders in such yards and terminals is the most natural thing in the world, because, they, as individuals are the most vitally interested.

With reference to this fact Mr. Armour stated before a committee in congress that so far as Armour & Company are concerned, they would not object to selling all such stock they owned; providing they could have the assurance of equally good service. It would release a lot of money, he said, which could be profitably used in their industry.

The second notable feature of the bill, according to Representative Anderson, is "To establish a control and to place a limitation upon the packers' interest in and control over industries, such as production and distribution of rice, breakfast foods, canned products other than meats, and the wholesale and retail merchandising of these and other products unrelated to the packing industry; to place the refrigerator and other specially equipped cars for perishable products on a common carrier basis; to establish a permissible storage and market system which will enable the small packer or other dealer in food products to compete with the branch houses operated by the packers."

A Pretty Large Order.
This brief paragraph includes a pretty large order, which the wholesale grocers, coffee roasters and independent dealers will be happy to fill. Just what the fate of the bill may ultimately be, or what the amendments that are likely to be offered in debate there is no telling. But there can be no question of the bill being supported by large commercial interests, and that the packers will rally in opposition can scarcely be questioned.

The licenses are to be issued by the secretary of agriculture to (a) persons or corporations engaged in the slaughtering or meat packing business; (b) persons or corporations conducting and operating stockyards; (c) stockyards collecting or distributing live stock market news and quotations; (d) persons buying, selling or shipping poultry or poultry products, also dairy products, in commerce. As to subdivision "E" persons of firms whose gross business is less than \$500,000 per year will be exempt. This strikes directly at the great packers and the cold storage men in their control or employ, who handle poultry, eggs, butter and cheese, and is a most vital provision.

The bill, which is quite voluminous, prohibits packers from indulging in unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive device in commerce; the selling to any other licensee any part of his business for the purpose of apportioning the supply, or unreasonably affecting the price." Nor must he conspire with any other licensee for the purpose of limiting or preventing competition.

Strenuous Fight Probable.
We anticipate a long and interesting fight on this bill, if it finally emerges from the committee room, which it probably will. At a large meeting of grocery distributors, principally retailers, held in an interior New York town a few weeks ago, there was talk of a boycott against packers who might become interested in "chain stores", it being broadly intimated that some of them are already so interested. This, however, is vigorously denied. It would seem, too, that the packers have plenty of wholesale business to occupy their time and capital fully without dabbling in retail distribution.

Representative Anderson's bill shows the trend of public thought and feeling. The terrific cost of necessary

legislation, which show no evidence of declining prices, in any quarter, will probably lead to considerable attempted legislation, should the Anderson bill fail or enactment in some effect.

Palladium readers will recall our statements with reference to the action of the National Coffee Roasters Association, and also as to what was done at the convention of wholesale grocers in Cincinnati, a short time ago. Both of these bodies appointed committees to act upon the subject of this new bill, and each of these national bodies have attorneys engaged to assist these committees in devising some feasible plan of action and in bringing about desired legislation.

Whitewater, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blose spent Sunday with Mrs. Green of Hollensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Anderson and Gene Jordan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Tessa Blose and son, Marvin, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hough of near Spartansburg, Thursday. Miss Mildred Coppock spent last week with Miss Violet Vore.

Misses Mildred White and Prudence Austin returned home Sunday evening after a few days' visit with Misses Iva and Eva Glunt of near Richmond.

Gayle Hunt spent Sunday with Willard Blose. Mr. and Mrs. Corrie White spent a few days last week with Mrs. White's mother and sisters at West Manchester and Eldorado, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Oso Blose and family and Miss Hazel Hinshaw of Richmond were guests of Mrs. Ethel Woods and daughter Maryam Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Inez Wright Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horne at Glen Karn Sunday.

Nate Graves and wife spent Sunday with Sam Glunt and family of near Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Charles White spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Glunt, of near Richmond.

John Coppock and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coppock of Hollensburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kinchloe and son Harold, Mrs. Kinchloe and Mrs. Jackman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore of New Paris.

Miss Bernice Burt spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burt.

Mrs. Jennie Addleman and Mr. and Mrs. Newt Bunker of near Richmond, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sherry White and son Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Curtis of Fountain City.

Misses Marie and Grace Radford spent Sunday with Miss Frances Burt.

Miss Martha Jackson, Mrs. Mary Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Staley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Chenoweth Sunday.

Mr. and

Mrs. Corrie White entertained Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank and family, and Mrs. Frank Parks of West Manchester. Miss Miriam Woods had her Sunday evening guests, Miss Hazel Hinshaw, Alva Alexander, Miss Mina Blose, Ceci Clopp and Richard Remington. Mr. and Mrs. Oso Blose and son, Rex and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blose and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison Sunday evening. Mrs. Ida Jones, Mrs. Minnie White and Mrs. Jane Gibbs visited Mrs. Allen Kinchloe Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Brown and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and son Harold spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Anna Mutchner. Mr. and Mrs. Luke Fisher were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day and family of near Lynn Sunday. Miss Hazel Hinshaw of Richmond spent Saturday night with Miss Mina Blose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Chenoweth and Mrs. Mary Staley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Roberts and son, David Hodgin and son Donald and Mrs. Thomas Moody, both of Lynn were guests in the afternoon.

W. Manchester, O.

Mrs. Edgar Foss and daughter, Betty Jean, returned Thursday to their home in Dayton after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Foss.

Mrs. Howard Hartzell and little daughter, of Bowling Green, Ohio, are visiting this week with Mrs. Hartzell's mother, Mrs. Joe Bruner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Disher and daughter, Mary, of Greenville, visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Trone and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cosca.

Miss Sylvia Trone of Dayton spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother at this place.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Somers on Tuesday, a boy.

Miss June Cummins of Lewisburg visited last Monday and Tuesday with Miss Freda

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Christian... Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fager were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wolverton and daughter, Irene, spent Thursday here with relatives. Mrs. F. M. Davison was a Dayton shopper Thursday. Mrs. Isaac Christian spent several days of last week with her parents at Lewisburg. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holt, Harry Hoffman and family, Robert Pruzans of Vernon, Mrs. Amy Hoffman of Dayton and Misses Fern and Fleacie Woolf were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris. Miss Lucille Blakely returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives at Burkettsville. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Peden, Mr. and Mrs. John Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank and children and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parks and family attended the K. P. Memorial services Sunday at Hollensburg. C. J. Cossart and wife of Dayton spent Sunday with the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cossart. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Emrick entertained Harley Judy and his father at dinner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Blakely arrived here Saturday from Michigan to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blakely. Mrs. Mary E. Leas purchased the Coning property which sold at public sale Saturday. Mr. and

Mrs. Jerry Fager were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Parson near Greenville, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Spencer entertained the following guests at their home Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow and Miss Norah Anthony and son Earl of Piqua, Miss Sada McCracken of Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham and Miss Emma Graham of Troy, O. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jones of Ludlow Falls, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith and Mrs. Laura Heddington of Dayton; Mr. J. Edding and Mrs. Ella Long of Ludlow Falls, attended the Jones sale here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Wagner and daughter of Dayton were Sunday

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Howell. John Gauch and daughter, Anna, Mrs. Laura Parks and children and Chas. Gauch, were in Richmond Saturday.

GIVEN "DOPED" CIGARETTES

NEW YORK, June 25.—Asserting that several soldiers on furlough in New York had been made unconscious by means of "doped" cigarettes and then stripped of their valuables, Lieutenant John M. Finnerty of the provost guard last night warned uniformed men to accept cigarettes only from acquaintances or representatives of recognized war work organizations.

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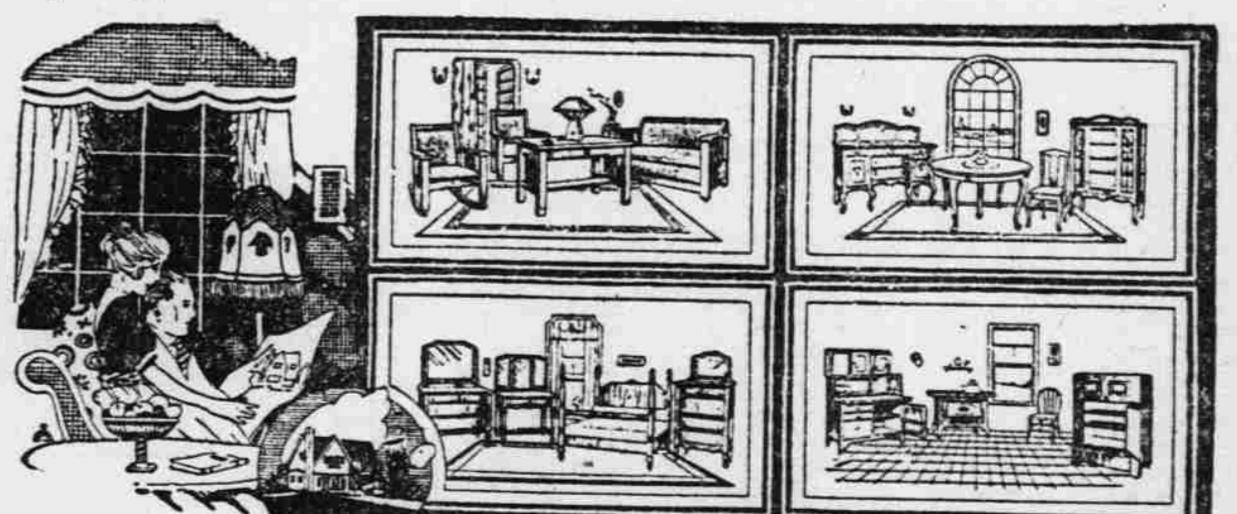


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