

PACKERS HELD NOT GUILTY

Government Loses Suit Against Chicago Beef Barons of Alleged Sherman Law Violations.

COST OF THE TRIAL OVER HALF MILLION

Jury Deliberates 17 Hours—Court's Charge Stresses the Doctrine of Reasonable Doubt.

Chicago, March 26.—"Not guilty," was the verdict the jury returned today in the trial of 10 Chicago packers accused by the government of violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman anti-trust act.

All the defendants were in court when the verdict was read and the court room was crowded. The verdict surprised many who feared the long wait between a long-drawn-out battle in the jury room.

The closing argument, delivered by Special Counsel Pierce Butler for the government, was a scathing arraignment of the acts of the packers.

Instructions from United States District Judge Carpenter held the jurors' attention from 3:19 o'clock until 4:24 o'clock. At 4:46 o'clock the jury retired to consider the verdict.

In his instructions to the jury Judge Carpenter laid great stress on the doctrine of reasonable doubt to be exercised by the jury in determining the guilt or innocence of the defendants.

In conclusion Judge Carpenter said: "I charge you particularly that the defendants are not to be convicted unless you are not convinced merely because you think such a conviction might be popular. And here let me say that the matter of the high cost of living, about which we have heard and read so much during the last year or more, has nothing to do with this case."

Long and Costly Trial. The trial was one of the longest criminal trials in the history of the federal courts. It began December 5, 1911, and the jury was sworn in December 19. The first witness was called by the government December 20.

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STRIKE QUESTION BEFORE ENGINEERS

Result of the Balloting Will Be Announced on April 10.

New York, March 25.—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, headed by Warren S. Stone, voted here today to submit to a so-called strike vote the question of an increase and standardization of wages of engineers of the eastern railroads.

The locomotive engineers' demands for increased wages on fifty railroads east of Chicago and north of the Norfolk & Western having been refused, moves were made today to submit the whole matter to a referendum vote of engineers to decide what policy shall be pursued.

There has been no talk of a strike, Grand Chief Stone said. "We are not talking of a strike. We are a long way from a strike. I do not believe in strikes if they can be averted."

A two-thirds vote of all the engineers involved will be necessary to call a strike.

WASHINGTON CITY PLACE OF MEETING

B'nai B'rith Convention Closed Today After Very Successful Meeting.

The convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, which has been in session at the Battery Park hotel for the past two days, came to a close today after a morning session was held.

After they had read the reply of the managers the representatives of the engineers conferred, and it is said, agreed unanimously that it was not acceptable.

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Shall the Famine Wolf be Loosed?

Washington City Taft Forces in Control of Indiana Convention

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Explosion Buries 79 Men in West Virginia Shaft

Welch, W. Va., March 25.—An explosion in a Jed Coal and Coke company mine at Jed, six miles south of here this morning imprisoned 79 men.

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MISTRIAL ANNOUNCED IN THE CRAWFORD CASE

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20,000 MILL EMPLOYES IDLE AT LOWELL, MASS.

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Defendant Probably Will Soon Be Released on Bail—New Trial Unlikely.

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Differences Between Textile Manufacturers and Operators Not Yet Adjusted.

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ADMITS HIS FAILURE TO END LABOR STRIKE

London, March 25.—In a short speech in the house of commons today Premier Asquith confessed the government's failure to terminate the coal strike as follows:

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COURT RESUMED AT HILLSVILLE

New Indictments Are Expected Tomorrow Against Members of the Allen Clan.

S. ALLEN AND NEPHEWS STILL PROVE ELUSIVE

Posse's Leader Expects Soon to Capture Them, However—Food Supply Cut Off.

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TAFT FOR LOWER COTTON TARIFF

Duties Imposed Because of Finishing Often Far Exceed Domestic Cost of Process.

CONSUMER PAYS MORE HERE THAN ABROAD

Toll for Distribution Greater in the States When Manufacturers' Price Is No Higher.

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