

TUBERCULOSIS AND CANCER IN CHICAGO BEEF!

BEEF TRUST IS BAD.

It Aims at the Lives, the Health and the Pockets of Chicago Citizens.

Frightful Food Thrown Into This City While the Government Inspectors Sit Supinely By.

Horrible conditions and illegal abuses, said to exist with impunity at the Chicago stockyards...

The hero of the novel is a Lithuanian immigrant named Jurgis, who comes to this country with his family...

"The packers had secret malins," he says, "through which they stole billions of gallons of the city's water."

"And then there was the condemned meat industry," he says, "with its endless horrors. The people of Chicago saw the government inspectors in Packingtown, and they all took that to mean that they were protected from diseased meat..."

"And shortly afterward one of these, a physician, made the discovery that the carcasses of steers which had been condemned by the government inspectors, and which therefore contained ptomaines, which are deadly poisons, were left upon an open platform and carted away to be sold in the city, and so he insisted that these carcasses be treated with an injection of kerosene..."

"So indignant were the packers that they went farther and compelled the Mayor to abolish the whole bureau of inspection; so that since then there has been not even a pretense of any interference with the graft."

"There were cattle which had been fed on 'whisky malt,' the refuse of the breweries, and had become what the men called 'sterley'—which means covered with boils. It was a nasty job killing these, for when you plunged your knife into them they would burst and splash foul-smelling stuff into your face."

"It was the law that cows of that sort came along with the others, and whoever noticed it would tell the boss, and the boss would start up a conversation with the government inspector, and the two would stroll away. So in a trice the carcass of the cow would be cleaned out, and the entrails would have vanished: it was Jurgis' task to slide them into the trap, calves and all, and on the floor below they took out these 'slunk' calves and butchered them for meat, and used even the skins of them."

"One day Jurgis had to take the place of a man who had hurt his leg, and after the inspector and nearly all the workmen had gone, a select gang was set to preparing the dead cattle that had been gored or died of disease on the train. This is described as follows: 'Downers,' the men called them, and the packing-house had a special elevator upon which they were raised to the killing beds, where the gang proceeded to handle them with an air of businesslike nonchalance which said plainer than words that it was a matter of every-day routine."

There was never the least attention paid to what was cut up for sausage. Thousands of rats would race over the meat, these rats were a nuisance, and the packers would put poisoned bread out for them; they would die,

and then rats, bread and meat would go into the hoppers together. The Beef Trust must go. The number of members of the present Legislature controlled by the Beef Trust is known to a man. Remember the Beef Trust when you are nominating candidates for the Legislature this year. Many of the Beef Trust employes wear rubber gloves while handling the carcasses. Otherwise they are in imminent danger of blood poisoning. Even the embalming of food for the gullible public has its attendant dangers. The number of dead and diseased hogs shipped by the Beef Trust and sold as food is something awful. Numbers of hogs die in the cars in transit to the Beef Trust; their bodies are often eaten by the other hogs and their pet disease transmitted by them to the human race. The government inspectors if they work every minute of their time, can give but ten seconds to each animal inspected. No wonder cancer, lupus, tuberculosis and like ailments are spreading. The Beef Trust has ruined many a prosperous small business. The hide industry, the boot and shoe trade, the sheepskin tanners, the leather tanners, the wool pullers, the wool trade, the vegetable market, the poultry business, the retail meat markets, the wholesale meat markets, the soap trade—all these and many more have been swallowed up by this awful Leviathan. How much longer will the people stand it? How much longer will the American people put up with diseased food? A correspondent asks: "How many of the representatives of foreign governments are in the pay of the Beef Trust? It might interest the people of some of them to find out." People out of town and new dealers in other cities ordering extra copies of the Chicago Eagle Beef Trust edition must place their orders before Wednesday of each week. The demand for papers is so great that unless orders for them are placed early it will be impossible to fill all of them as promptly as we would wish. Dealers in Germany, France and Great Britain must inclose postage with their orders. People who think that they get good meat are invited to read the following clipped from the live stock report of the Chicago Daily News, January 9, 1906: "Quality of offerings was not good. It was such as the trade usually looks for on Tuesday, with the Wisconsin shipments largely predominating. It was not the absence of good finished stuff that made the slow market, however, as the buyers were generally looking for low-priced cattle. Shippers had only a few orders at most, and the great percentage of them were for plain finished cattle. Since the ending of the western season there has generally been as good a demand for the commoner sorts of cattle as for the better priced steers. A few toppy kinds have reached \$6.25 this week, but they are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth." We do not see any quotations in the dailies on trichina hogs. The public officials who are controlled by the Beef Trust will be known before long. All the rotten old Beef Trust lobbyists, consisting of crooked lawyers, castoff politicians and scarcrow statesmen, are getting ready. But when the Illinois Legislature meets these worthies will be pointed out so that he who runs may read. People must remember that the city had only eleven inspectors at work on cattle, hogs, sheep and provisions. Necessarily their work must have been very incomplete when there were 300,000 cattle a week to inspect. Tuberculosis and cancer are bound to be shipped to all quarters as food. How many government officials does the Beef Trust control? Beef Trust cold storage is a bad thing. Yet it is popular just now. The rotten food turned out in the shape of diseased poultry from Beef Trust roosts is thus touched upon by Health Commissioner Whelan, of Chicago, in his annual report: "Cold storage is one of our present necessities, but it is evident that it has been shamefully misused by dishonest men. While certain articles of food are better after more or less prolonged storage, certain fruits and vegetables spoil so soon after removal from the cold storage as to give a very unfavorable impression. "Again, poultry or game is often stored in an undrawn condition and is afterward sold to the public. Attention has been called to many cases of ptomaine poisoning resulting from eating game or poultry which had been stored in an undrawn state. The real evil comes from freezing more or less tainted meats and fish. The process of decay is checked, but the ptomaines remain. The purchaser does not detect any odor, but a gastro-enteritis is apt to result none the less. "There is a suspicion that much of the sickness contracted in strange hotels, is thus caused." Daily News cattle report January 10: "Quality was rather poor, offers running largely to canners and cutters. Bull trade was steady at yesterday's decline. Bologna bulls were taken more readily than the fat sorts." The Standard Oil Trust does not sell cancer or tuberculosis to the people. But the Newspaper Trust finds abundant space to devote to the Oil Trust but has not a line for the Beef Trust. Why? Why is not the Illinois Anti-Trust law strictly enforced against the real trusts? The law is upon the statute books and is rigidly lived up to as against small and honest corporations which are obliged to make affidavit once a year and send the same with one dollar to Springfield to prove that they are not in a trust. A trust has no more standing in law in Illinois than a Burglar. Both exist in violation of the law and both are felons in the eyes of the law. Tuberculosis and cancer can now go into every home without let or hindrance. The Health Department, after proving that tons of tuberculosis are dumped on the market every week, has discharged its inspectors! The Beef Trust absolutely controls legislation in Illinois. It does as it pleases with the people. Why does not the Attorney General of Illinois get after the Beef Trust on the following points: Anti-Trust Law Violated.—It is violating the trust laws of Illinois by parceling out territory between subordinate concerns. In being an organization in restraint of trade besides violating every detail of the Anti-Trust law. Fraud in Products Sold.—Millions of pounds of beef, pork, mutton, sausage and other products have been sold under false names and false representations, containing materials other than those represented to the buyer. Fraud in Beef Sold.—Millions of pounds of inferior beef have been sold to government and private consumers. Killing Independent Concerns.—The Beef Trust has organized and still is



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organizing fake independent companies as a final desperate measure to crush competitors who refuse to buy of the trust. Rebates to Dealers.—In every town at least one principal dealer gets a secret rebate in consideration of his agreement to buy no "outside" or independent beef, pork or mutton. Secret Service Methods.—Canvassers are sent out in the guise of distributors to secure the names of persons buying independent beef. Crushing Competitors.—Beef is sold at cost and below until independent competitors are driven out. What did that delegation of Stock Yards commission men ask the mayor to do? Did they ask him to order the city health inspectors out of the Stock Yards? Why did the city administration point with pride to the fact that it protected the people of Chicago from the Beef Trust for five months and then sunk? Did the same influences affect this administration that health officials charged the Harrison administration with trucking to? Is there any one so base that he would sacrifice the work of honest health inspectors and imperil the lives of every man, woman and child in Chicago to oblige some political friends? Or are there deeper reasons? Speak out, somebody, for hell is not hot enough to roast a man who would bow to the Beef Trust in a matter of tuberculosis and cancer. How many murders is the Beef Trust guilty of in Chicago? How many innocent people are killed every year by tuberculosis and cancer? There will be some music over the Beef Trust when the next Illinois Legislature meets. The Beef Trust controls the food supply of the American people. The Beef Trust is bringing on a revolution. What object can the members of the Beef Trust have in opposing the Illinois pure food laws and wanting them amended? Why is Illinois afraid to tackle the Beef Trust? The Beef Trust saturates Chicago with stench from its rendering establishments and glue factories. It robs the people of Chicago through its control of the price of the food they eat and the leather they wear. The Beef Trust counts on a solid legislative delegation from Cook County which will favor monopoly and encourage high prices. Chicago is the home and the headquarters of the Beef Trust. The American people must put an end to the Beef Trust or suffer the consequences of bad food. How many lumpy-jaw cattle are slaughtered by the Beef Trust every day and fed to the people? The Eagle feels highly complimented over the way its reading matter is stolen and reprinted without credit. But it feels sorry that the able editors who steal it cannot give it a wider circulation than they do. As the Eagle reaches its readers at least twenty-four hours earlier than the principal purloiners, the thefts are easily recognized. The Beef Trust counts upon sacking a majority of the Illinois delegation to Congress next year. Now that the city has quit inspecting, there is nothing to prevent the Beef Trust from spreading tuberculosis and cancer broadcast.

BUY APPENDICITIS.

Beef Trust Patrons Have a Chance to Get All They Want of It.

The Real Cause of the Disease Is Bad Meat Beyond Doubt.

Appendicitis is a Beef Trust disease. It comes from the breakfast delicacies made out of cancer cows and trichina pork. The Trust sausage is one of the wonders of creation. It is made out of the cheapest meat and the trimming of canners, lumpy-jaw cattle and dead swine. After being thoroughly mixed with a horrible concoction known to the trade as potato flour, this chopped, stamped, crushed and chemically treated meat is stuffed into the frequently diseased guts of dead animals and is sold to the public as sausage. Despite the chemicals compounded with the "meat" to make it smell "natural," both the compound itself, as well as the "casing," as the gut is now called, are frequently the abode of micro-organisms. It is these micro-organisms that cause appendicitis. The word appendicitis means an inflammation of the vermiform appendix, which lies in the lower right hand corner of the abdomen. The vermiform appendix is a sack attached to the intestine. It is into this resting place that the microbes crawl and cause trouble. The real trichina microbe, which is very abundant in pork, and for which no search is made by the Beef Trust, eats through all the human intestines, and, playing no favorites, is always fatal. But the bad meat microbe, which causes appendicitis, has not strength enough to bore through the intestines. It merely crawls into the first and only stopping place in the bowels—the vermiform appendix—and there it works away until it starts inflammation. When the first physicians began to realize the etiological importance of the appendix in intestinal inflammation, it was thought that seeds or other offending material became lodged therein, but many operations soon proved the contrary, for ofttimes no foreign bodies were found in it, and other abdominal operations often showed collections in the appendix that had caused no trouble. Most of the best physicians and the ablest surgeons are now convinced that appendicitis is caused by bad meat. The disease, singularly enough, was never heard of until Beef Trust methods began to prevail in this country, and now it is to be found wherever Beef Trust products have a sale. According to the United States census, 5,111 persons died from appendicitis in 1900. The disease was not even mentioned in the United States census report of 1890—ten years before—because there were no cases and no deaths. How is that for the work of the Beef Trust? Now the city inspection has been stopped and that it was always the habit to use the carcasses of cancerous or lumpy jawed cattle after the carcasses were cut out, the public is probably getting a fuller dose of lumpy jawed cattle for food than ever. On the very day that the city discontinued its inspection and condemnation, the Commissioner of Health of Chicago issued the following remarkable instructions in his bulletin of December 30, 1905: "The Commissioner has issued the following instructions to the chief inspector at the Union Stock Yards: "While actinomycosis is usually confined to the head, and may be said in one sense to be a localized disease, and while some inspectors condemn only the part involved, I believe it is safest and most practicable to condemn the entire carcass wherever the actinomycotic abscess opens into the mouth, pharynx, larynx or any part of the digestive or respiratory tract; or when the lymphatic glands are involved; or where there are actinomycotic tumors in the lungs; or when the lesions have become generalised, since generalisation in actinomycosis appears to run a very atypical course, making the detection of all foci inside the muscle very difficult; therefore, the entire carcass is to be condemned. "In cases where the actinomycotic lesions are positively localised, the infected part may be cut away and the remains of the carcass used. "These instructions apply only to 'lumpy jaw.' There may be other reasons why you should want to condemn a carcass, and it is then a matter of judgment for you and your men. But you should never hesitate to condemn if you believe the animal to be not fit for human food." The spirits of thousands of poor boys who went out to fight for the United States in the Spanish-American war, must hover over the fortunes of the Beef Trust in a demand for vengeance. These thousands were killed by the "embalmed beef" of the Beef Trust