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Mr. Kresel has been compiling figures which will be presented to the grand jury next week.

### Getting Control of Food.

The investigation conducted by Mr. Kresel and his associates showed, he said, that the packers are financially interested in at least 675 lines of food production in the United States, both from the standpoint of manufacture and distribution. The web of subsidiary industries growing out of the stockyards spreads all over the United States and extends into branches that seem at first remotely connected with the packing industry, but which investigation shows are direct out-

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**WILL BADLY MUTILATED.**

**Hostile Hands When It**  
**Reaches Senate Committee.**

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.**—(Leas-  
Service.)—The war depart-  
ment reorganization bill was  
scrapped today when mem-  
bers of the senate military affairs

have originated from spontaneous  
combustion, leaped thru the twenty-  
acre plot of the Zone & Fleming Re-  
finery, the Kings county plant of the  
Standard Oil company in Green Point,  
today at 2 o'clock, and late tonight the  
flames, far from being under control,  
had destroyed ten tanks and thirty  
others appeared certain of destruc-  
tion. The plant had 100 tanks, of a  
capacity of 110,000,000 gallons. Be-  
cause of the terrific heat the danger  
of explosions and the sheets of oil  
with their drifting, burning patches,  
that covered the yards, the police  
were unable to verify their belief that  
no lives were lost. For the same rea-  
son the property damage was un-  
known, but one estimate placed it at  
millions of dollars.

Standing out in the thrilling scenes  
as countless pieces of fire-fighting  
apparatus, responding to a five-alarm,  
or borough call, came from Brooklyn,  
Long Island and Manhattan and sent  
500 firemen under the vast mush-  
roomed pillar of smoke to where the  
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tanks, was the ignition of the eighth  
tank. This tank stood on the fringe  
of the fire area at that time—5:40  
o'clock—and appeared safe, altho the  
paint was blistering on its sides. With  
no preliminary warning, the roof was  
blown up and a mass of flame fully  
fifty feet across shot like a rocket  
1,000 feet into the air.

Suddenly an eerie shift of the wind,  
bent the upper half of the column di-  
rect down upon Norman street and  
Kingsland avenue, where firemen were  
resting, while the apparatus pumped  
away and ambulance surgeons and  
several hundred grimy oil employes,  
weary from fighting the flames, had  
stopped for a breath. In the stam-  
pede down Kingsland avenue, scores  
were trampled upon and three tall  
tenements, two blocks away, poured  
frightened, chattering tenants into the  
street. The stage was set for a panic,  
maybe a riot, but strong squads of  
several hundred policemen and emer-  
gency duty policemen, quelled the be-  
ginnings.

At 10:15 o'clock tonight, fire head-  
quarters sent out the seldom sounded  
signal, "6666-77," which called upon  
every fireman in the city then off duty  
to report at once for service.

Just before 1 o'clock this (Sunday)  
morning, the fire across Newton creek  
seemed to be gathering force. In ad-  
dition to the American candle works,  
the Queens branch of the Standard  
Oil, and the factory of the Van Ider-  
stein company had taken fire. Five  
blocks in another direction firemen  
were struggling to put out a blaze on  
the roof of the Miller building at  
Green Point and Kingsland avenue.

**PUBLIC UNEASY OVER KOREA**

**Little News Has Come Out Since**  
**Death of Baron Saito's Life.**

posed riot and finding nothing amiss,  
Night Captain Sinclair, in charge of  
the squad of officers, suspected a  
ruse and ordered the patrol to head  
for the city hall with all possible  
speed. He found that the mob had  
been there and gone.

Hoping that he might overtake the  
mob, the captain summoned his of-  
ficers to get back into the patrol and  
a search for the mob and prisoners  
commenced. When the officers  
reached the West Fourth street bridge  
the mob had dispersed and the of-  
ficers found the bodies of the two  
Mexicans hanging twenty feet apart  
from the girders of the bridge. Both  
were dead.

It was reported earlier in the even-  
ing that the two men had been re-  
moved to the county jail for safe  
keeping. It was later learned that  
the sheriff had taken them back to the  
city hall where persons called in to  
identify them could do so more easily.

The lynching was conducted in a  
heavy rainstorm.

**Surprise Police Officers.**

The mob formed behind the new  
city hall, which is a block away from  
the old city hall where the city jail  
is located. As soon as the patrol  
wagon with its load of officers left the  
station the mob marched to the old  
hall. Just before they started one of  
them accosted Patrolman Pezoldt, a  
half block away from the place where  
the mob formed, threw a gun in his  
face and compelled him to surrender  
his revolver and ammunition.

The desk sergeant's desk is near a  
window. One of the mob slipped up  
to the window, pointed a gun thru the  
screen at the officer and ordered him  
to throw up his hands. He did.

Then about fifty men, with handker-  
chiefs over their faces marched in  
from the rear, took the keys from  
the desk sergeant and ordered City  
Health Officer Jim Byrne, who hap-  
pened to be in the office at the time,  
to open the jail cells. They found the  
two Mexicans sleeping. They were  
struck over the heads with some blunt  
instrument to render them uncon-  
scious. They were then dragged out  
of their cells, into waiting automobiles  
and whisked to the bridge. Here the  
mob tied their hands to their sides,  
placed ropes around their necks and  
pushed them off the bridge, the fall  
breaking their necks. The mob then  
disappeared.

The coroner was called. He cut the  
bodies of the two men down and to-  
night they lay on slabs in the morgue  
by the side of the body of Patrolman  
Jeff Evans.

As to the citizenship of the two  
Mexicans, little is known here. But  
it is said that they frequently have  
made the boast that they were citi-  
zens of Mexico and soldiers in Villa's  
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**Bandits Capture Mining Men.**

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