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POWER OF PACKERS STEADILY GROWING

REACHING OUT FOR CONTROL OF
MANY OF NECESSITIES.

Grip of Big Five Fastened On 675
Lines of Food Production—Dic-
tate Shoe Prices by Con-
trol of Hides.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—(Leased Wire Service.)—Attorney Isidore Kresel, special federal prosecutor, appointed to handle the investigation of the packers, outlined the main points in his compilation of statistics concerning the "big five" today.

"I cannot understand why J. Ogden Armour has found it impossible to get a pair of shoes in the last few years," said Mr. Kresel, "for I find the packers control 80 per cent of the hides in the country, and all except Cudahy are interested in tanneries. The packers control 50 per cent of the sole leather produced in the United States. The small tanners have told me that they live by the sufferance of the large concerns, and that they are entirely dependent upon them for the state of the market."

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-

analysis refers to it as a "very carefully camouflaged" section of the bill, and says:

"It is nothing less than a proposal to repeal or nullify substantially all restrictions of existing law relative to the selection, appointment by and with the advice and consent of the senate, duration of tenure, powers and duties of the chiefs of all the great staff corps and departments of the army, and to give unlimited authority to the president, at his own will and pleasure, to fill the places of those chiefs with officers of his own selection, to prescribe all their powers and duties, and to remove and to replace them as frequently as he may feel disposed to do so.

"Of course, in practice the exercise of all this tremendous power would be substantially, if not entirely, controlled by the chief of staff.

"This preposterous scheme, together with many others of like interest of pending bill, spells one-man domination, staff despotism and militarism to a degree never surpassed in the palmiest days of the 'great general staff' of the German army."

The report says section 32 provides that "the president may detail any officer to any military duty he may consider necessary and appropriate, and for such period as he may think proper, subject only to the limitations of this act."

"This amazing proposal clearly shows the spirit displayed by its framers throuth the whole bill—a consuming desire for despotic, unrestricted power, militarism mad," said Senator Chamberlain. "The enactment of this provision, together with the cognate features of the bill, would sweep away every existing safeguard and restriction of law relative to the 'duties, powers and functions' of every officer of the army, all of which duties, powers and functions the president is expressly authorized to prescribe."

FIRE IN THE OIL DISTRICT

Beyond Control in Standard Plant at
New York, With Loss Prob-
ably in Millions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(Leased Wire Service.)—Fire, supposed to have originated from spontaneous

MEXICANS LYNCHED BY MOB AT PUEBLO

TAKEN FROM THE CITY JAIL AND
HANGED TO A BRIDGE.

Strategy Used to Get Victims Away
From Officers—Two Men Ac-
cused of the Murder of
a Policeman.

PUEBLO, Col., Sept. 13.—Two Mexicans were taken from the city jail tonight by a mob of armed citizens, driven in an automobile to the Fourth street bridge, near the city limits, and hanged. The bodies were found forty-five minutes after their capture. The lynching followed arrest of two Mexicans charged with the murder early today of Patrolman Jeff Evans. The two men, Jose Gonzales and Santos Ortez, section hands, were arrested today. Reports that the men had been transferred to the county jail and that two other Mexicans had been hanged proved erroneous.

The men were taken from the city jail at 9:30 o'clock.

Mob Leaders Use Strategy.

The mob leaders used strategy to get the police officers off their guard. A riot call was sent in from the steel works district and the patrol, loaded with officers, hurried to the scene. As soon as the wagon was out of sight the mob quietly marched to the city hall, a committee marched into the office, covered the desk sergeant, Gar McCafferty, with revolvers, and commanded him to turn over the keys to the jail cells. They then forced him to remain quietly in his chair while they went into the cell room, took the two Mexicans from their cells and to the street. Here a portion of the mob piled into automobiles with their prisoners and sped away for the scene of the lynching.

Upon reaching the scene of the supposed riot and finding nothing amiss,