

BEEF TRUST HORRORS ARE FULLY PROVED

President Gives Out Report of Commissioners' Visit to Packingtown.

CONDITIONS ARE AWFUL

Upton Sinclair's Charges Are Borne Out by the Statements of the Investigators.

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the fumes of the urine swell the sum of nauseating odors arising from the floors, fruitful culture beds for the disease germs of men and animals.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY CITED AS MODEL.

III—A MODEL SLAUGHTERHOUSE IN CONTRAST WITH THOSE OF CHICAGO.—In impressive contrast to the conditions that we saw in the stock yards of Chicago is an establishment that Mr. Reynolds visited in New York City. It well merits a description in those particulars in which it is vastly superior to similar concerns in Chicago.

Good Ventilation and Light. Other rooms, such as those for cooling and storage, are of similar construction to the killing floor. No porcelain-lined walls, no tiled floors, no steel supports.

Utter Absence of Cleanliness on Every Hand. IV—TREATMENT OF MEATS AND PREPARED FOOD PRODUCTS.—CLEANLINESS IN HANDLING PRODUCTS.—An absence of cleanliness was also found everywhere in the handling of meat being prepared for the various meat-food products.

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UPTON SINCLAIR'S OWN STORY OF THE HORRORS OF PACKINGTOWN

In First of a Series of Articles Written for The Evening World, the Author of "The Jungle" Tells How He Got Facts.

BY UPTON SINCLAIR.

This is the first of a series of articles written exclusively for The Evening World in which the author of "The Jungle" tells how he personally investigated the Packingtown atrocities. The second article will be published next Thursday, and the third on Saturday.

For many years we have been reading pictures of corruption in our American life, corruption in our financial, commercial and political worlds. Reading this literature, I noticed one interesting fact about it—that it dealt with evils which bore almost exclusively upon the middle classes.

In the summer of 1904 there had been a great strike in Packingtown. The strikers were utterly defeated. I do not know whether they will consider the frightful blow which the Beef Trust has just received as any recompense for their sufferings; but the one is directly traceable to the other.

It is my belief that the concentration of wealth is a natural process, an inevitable result of competition, and something which no human power can prevent; also, that along with this concentration goes a process of continual subjection of the wage-worker, driving him ultimately to rebellion. It was my wish to make a picture of the working out of this process.

I am a Socialist, and I had written a great deal for the Socialist papers; and so when I went out to Packingtown I was known to the men. The Socialist vote is now about one-third of the total vote in that district, and there are Socialist organizations not only of Americans, but also of nearly every other nationality.

Men took me into their homes and told me about their lives; they would pass me on from one to another, and I would sit in the back corners of saloons with them, or in their union meeting-rooms at night, and listen to their experiences. And then in the daytime they would lay off work and take me around and show me what I wanted to see.

As I have said before, I had known that the labor conditions were bad,

would afterward be cooked, and that this sterilization would prevent any danger from its use. Even this, it may be pointed out in passing, is not what is done in the packinghouses.

"Best Grade" of Sausage. A particularly glaring instance of uncleanliness was found in a room where the best grade of sausage was being prepared for export.

In some of the largest establishments I find that agents to whom the carcasses are sold are thrown in a heap upon the floor. THE WORKERS CLEAN OVER THE MEATS AND MEAT. SELECT THE PIECES THEY WANT, AND FREQUENTLY THROW THEM DOWN.

Floors Indiscreetly Dirty. Meat scraps were also found being piled into receptacles from dirty floors, where they were left to lie until again shoveled into barrels or into machines for chopping. These floors, it must be noted, were in most cases damp and soggy, in dark, ill-ventilated rooms, and the employees, in their ignorance of cleanliness or danger to health expectorated at will upon them.

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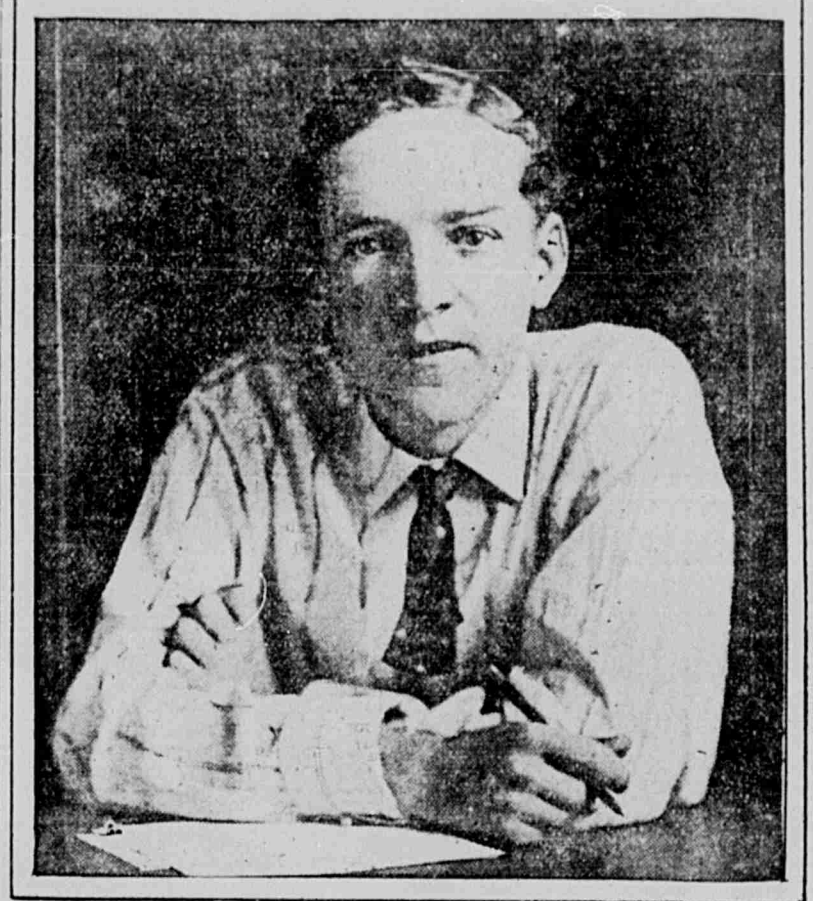
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Upton Sinclair.

Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle," begins to-day a series of articles written exclusively for The Evening World in which he tells how he personally investigated the horrible conditions in the Chicago slaughterhouses.

But I had had no idea of the shocking system of graft which I found in the politics of the neighborhood, and I had still less idea of the whole abominable system which I have called the "Condemned Meat Industry."

Shocking System in Department of Condemned Meat. The first man I talked with was an old Lithuanian workman, who had been for more than a dozen years a cattle butcher for one of the "Big Three."

Stockyards and the Victims of This Disease Expectant in Making "Potted Ham." All of these canned products bear labels of which the following is a sample:

ABATTOIR NO. — The contents of this package have been inspected according to the Act of Congress of March 3, 1891.

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FLOOR REFUSE SCRAPED UP TO BE CANNED AS PRIME BEEF.

"When they had scraped out all they could reach (beef for canning) they emptied the vat on the floor, and then with shovels scraped up the balance and dumped it into the truck. This floor was filthy, yet they set Antanna with his mop stopping the 'pickie' into a hole that connected with the sink, where it was caught and used over again forever; and if that were not enough, there was a trap in the pipe, where all the scraps of meat and odds and ends of refuse were caught, and every few days it was the old man's task to clean these out and shovel their contents into one of the trucks with the rest of the meat."

He described to me also the frightful system of "speeding up." Specially skilled men were employed and paid extra to act as pacemakers, and the rest were obliged to keep up with them or they would lose their jobs.

Pacemakers Set to Put Men Under Constant Strain. These times a pacemaker would quarrel with one of the gang, and he would set to work to "burn him out," as it was called. The old Lithuanian said that as a result of the frightful strain he had seen men fall to the ground bleeding at the nose and eyes; he said that time and again he had known men deliberately to let their knives slip and cut their hands in order to get an excuse for dropping out.

Even then, however, some of the night watchmen would get uneasy and would ask me out after a minute or two. "The superintendent might see you here," they would say; "then I wouldn't last half an hour."

That was the way in the cellars where they were doctoring spoiled hams, for instance. When the President's commission was in Chicago I got them information direct from a superintendent of one of the "Big Three" plants—a man who had been there for ten years and then had become a Socialist, and was sick of his job, and ready in spite of the risk to help me.

Hams Pumped with Chemicals to Hide Purity. The pump-man sits in front of a bench, with a man on one side of him to shove a ham to him and a man on the other side to shove it away. With his foot he works the pump, attached to which is a hollow needle that he sticks into the ham and then pumps the ham full of a liquid.

Inspection Before Slaughter. Inspection before slaughter appears to have little value in most cases. That undue advantage of this inspection is taken by outside parties is charged, and opportunities for such are abundant.

Careful After Slaughter. Inspection after slaughter is generally and conscientiously made. The government veterinarians maintain that it is adequate, insensate that it is not. On the slightest indication of disease or abnormal condition the carcass is tagged and set aside for a later and more careful examination.

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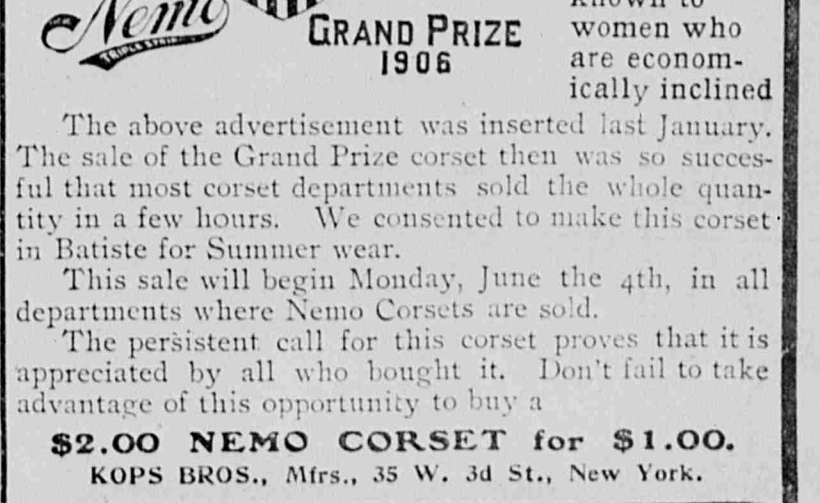
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