UPTON SINCLAIR'S OWN STORY OF HOW HE WAS LED TO EXPOSE BEEF TRUST HORRORS

Second Article in the Series Which the | Vice and Degradation Author of "The Jungle" Is Writing Especially for The Evening World.

HUMAN BEINGS GROUND DOWN BY PITILESS TRUST.

Conditions Gradually Becoming Worse Since the Strike, Men Sinking to Lower and Lower Depths of Misery and Despair.

The Evening World presents to-day the second article in the series dealing with the horrors of the Chicago packing-houses written exclusively for this newspaper by Upton Sinclair, the author of "The Jungle." In it Mr. Sinclair tells of the inhuman treatment of the men and women who are forced to work in the great establishments from which, as shown by pared would be the filthy laundry of the workers piled up; the washing the report of President Roosevelt's investigators, the Beef Trust sends would be done and clothes hanging up out meats prepared for human food with a nauseating disregard of the these crowds of thugs and abandoned women would pour out into the streets consumers' health, and even life.

The third of Mr. Sinclair's articles will be published in The Evening World next Saturday.

BY UPTON SINCLAIR.

Since I wrote the first instalment of this series the report of the President's commission has been made public; therefore it will not be worth while to tell much about the revolting conditions, the filth and disease which I saw in the preparation of meat. Mr. Neill and Mr. Reynolds are! in the morning until 5.30 at night, with only

The report says a few words about the conditions under which the What wonder if often a man's knife slipped

Slept in Same Rooms Where Meat Is Prepared.

Lodging-House Laws Broken by Packing-House Bosses.

windows, stairways, fire-escapes; but here in a "paint room," reached only one door, a hundred men were crowded upon mattresses on the floor. Up on the third story of the "hog-house" of Jones's was a storeroom, without a window, into which were crowded seven hundred men. aleeping upon the bare springs of cots, and with the second shift to use them by day .- FROM "THE JUNGLE."

Rampant During Strike.

They (the negroes) were wanted to break the strike, and when i

civilized world .- FROM "THE JUNGLE.

strike. At night they slept in rooms where meat was prepared during th by day and bedrooms at night, with little separation between the sexes attempted. The one desire of the packers was to keep all hands contented and

I met a man who worked there during the strike who said that in the dining-rooms in the daytime hundreds of men would be crowded, smoking night the rats simply swarmed about the place so that the men put their

At the time when I was in the yards the killing gang worked exactly

Poison a Spectre of Packingtown.

of the packers were disorganized and the always made it a point to ask cattle butchers to show me their hands; work was intrusted to an insufficient number their fingers would be so scarred from the old wounds and swollen and

the far South by the carload-even criminals had been imported, and hun- for the killing beds have no heat whatever. Winter in Chicago is fredreds of the vilest women of the city had been brought in to cook for them. quently severe, but it is not quite so bad when the men are actually Some of the slaughter-houses were turned into lodging-houses; by far the working; sometimes they have to stand around for hours before they greater portion of the working force lived in the yards all through the work, and are then started off with a sudden rush while completely numbed. The frost gathers on their arms, and the pillars of the building are to cold that if they put their hands upon them the flesh adheres They wrap their feet in old rags to keep them warm, and these become soaked with frozen blood and grow larger and larger until the man is the hot carcases of the newly slaughtered animals to thaw them out. One of the things pointed out in the President's report is that the me

are provided with no places to eat. It is difficult to imagine what this means in the winter time. I saw them crouching in the stairways of the packing Average Wages of houses and outside under the sheds to get Men Under away from the falling snow. In conversation \$5 a Week.

with one of the packers I spoke of the horbly low wages that were paid to the men, and he answered that there was no use in paying any more, because the balance



convenient places in which these can be cashed; and that also as a conse-

wage in Packingtown was between \$5 and \$6; since the strike conditions have of course grown worse. A friend of mine who has recently been making stir it on the level floor. He came to a slight incline and could not get Danger of Blood and gathered up the pay envelopes of the men as they came in and got -bodied man in Packingtown at a dull season

It is literally the truth that the packers treat their men like dogs. There congressmen may blow, and cheat them nat way. If they are working overtime and do not make a full hour, even though they fall by only five minutes, they get nothing for it. If any error is made in the computation of their work they have no redress; there is always one answer to every complaint: "If you do not like it you can go elsewhere."

Plunged Their Feet Into Beet Carcasses for Warmth.

There was no heat upon the killing-beds; the men might exactly as ell have worked out of doors all winter. . . .

The men would tie up their feet in newspapers and old sacks, and

Death Lurks in the Knife Men Grip and Slash With.

He is a beef-boner, and that is a dangerous trade, especially when ou are on piecework and trying to earn a bride. Your hands are sliplooked into a beef-boner's hands,-FROM "THE JUNGLE."

The reason for this attitude any one who chooses to go there might discover by watching the scenes in front of the "time stations" at 7

o'clock in the morning. Several times I was

Human Beings Made to Sink Lower and Lower.

were waiting for the packing-house doors to pen. At 7 o'clock the whistle blew, and still these wretches were standing, gazing longingly at the door through which the bosses would come out. The crowd stood until nearly 8 and would probably have stood there longer if the policeman had not driven them away. In all the times that I watched this sight I happened to see but one man actually hired.

The conditions in Packingtown have reached their present state of degradation by the natural process of competition, or rather, there is competition of labor while there is no competition of capital. There is but one went to the saloon-keeper. My reply was that for one thing I had observed that the companies pay their men in checks, and that saloons are the most then they began the importing of Irishmen. After the strike of 1894 they began the importing of Irishmen. After the strike of 1894 they began the importing of Irishmen. After the strike of 1894 they began the importing of Irishmen. After the strike of 1894 they began the importing of Irishmen. After the strike of 1894 they began the importing of Irishmen. set to work deliberately to crowd the labor market so as to prevent further troubles; first they brought Poles, then Bohemians, then Lithuanians, and now finally Slovaks. These are nearly all undersized, wretched people who the saloons in winter. The packer then dropped the subject.

Prior to the last strike in Chicago the union officers made a computation, ed upon ten thousand time checks, and found that the average weekly their faces. I saw sights of this sort which fairly made my blood boil. I saw a poor, wretched Lithuanian pushing a truck in one of Swift & Co. it up, and the boss fell upon him and pounded him over the head, finally seizing him by the collar and throwing him out of the place. I presume that he was "firing" him. Another and stronger man took his place.

GO TO PACKINGTOWN.

Speaker Cannon Advocates Accept- nolds and I saw the incidents we ance by Agricultural Committee of Packers' Invitation.

WASHINGTON, June 7. - Chairman Wadsworth, of the House Committee n Agriculture, and Speaker Cannon are strongly in favor of the committee's acceptance of the invitation extended the beef barons to visit Chloago and spend a week inspecting the pack-

Thomas E. Wilson, who represented he packers before the committee at esterday's hearing, extended the invitation and approached the committeenen later in the day to personally urge he acceptance of the invitation. Chair with Speaker Carmon to-day and learned the Speaker favored it. If the committee goes to Chicago its expenses will be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

The plan here appears to be to delay porting the Agricultural bill to the House until almost the day of adjourn ment, and then force it through without any meat inspection amendment, or o add the Wadsworth-Lorimer substi-

ommissioner Neill made frequent After the adjournment he said: I did not expect Mr. Wilson to prove

houses. He practically disqualfied himself at the beginning of his testimony by saying that he had no knowledge of many of the charges. Mr. Rey-



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agents decline to say definitely that there houses, said: has been a decrease in orders from | "Our sales have in no way decreased consumers, but plead ignorance as to since the alleged exposures were made. the effect, saying that the result may Naturally, we expect a decrease on acnot be determined for several weeks. count of the hot weather yesterday and to discuss the effect of the expose were of those sales for two or three days yet. & Co., Nelson, Morris & Co., and the with other packers' agents.



agent of the Omaha Packing Compan The more important distributing and other large Western packing-

Among the distributors who refused to-day, but I will not have the reports the New York representatives of Swift I understand the same condition exists

> "A circular has been sent out to the trade and the result has been beneficial,

Canning the Canned Goods WAY IS NOW CLEAR FOR

I do not care for porterhouse; no longer yearn for ham. I seem to lose my appetite for luscious "lamb what am." A sad, depressing feeling 'cross my system seems to steal Whenever idle fancy lingers 'round a thought of yeal. No longer is there craving now for pickled piggies' feet. And something seems to tell us that no longer will we "meat."

Bologna sausage does not go so well with cooling drinks Since people queried, "What is missing in the missing links?" A rebate never worried us, but now we seem to feel Right squeamish when they use "all of the hog except the squeal." And though it seems to be a joke, we hear nobedy laugh, To hear that "potted-chicken" is related to chopped calf.

Oh, Teddy, see the Muck-Rake Man with Patch Upon His Pants, With greasy apron worn in front to otherwise enhance The appetizing pictures drawn by Reynolds and by Neill Of dainty ways of serving up ham, beef, lamb, pork and veal. Here, wallowing in slime, we find High Mucky-Muck-Rake Man,

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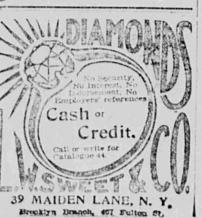
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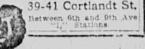
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