

ARMOUR DEFENDS PACKER METHODS

Meat Corporation Head Appears at House Hearing on Control Bill

CALLS IT REACTIONARY Says U. S. Ownership Would Be "A Monkey Wrench in Machinery of Industry"

By the Associated Press Washington, Jan. 21.—J. Ogden Armour told the House Interstate Commerce Committee today that the pending legislation to regulate the meat-packing industry is "reactionary."

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HOUSE AN HONEST PACIFIST, VON BERNSTORFF ASSERTS

Former Ambassador, Believing Colonel Dead, Declares Him the Stanchest Champion of Cause of Conciliation—Protested British Blockade as Well as U-Boat War

Without an Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Co. and New York Times Co. London, Jan. 21.—The London Times in publishing the unfounded report as to the death of Colonel House, has provoked an appreciation of him, as stated in the "News" which interest Colonel House in Paris and others who know something of Von Bernstorff's career.

Heinrich, not dated, in the magazine, holding an appreciation of Colonel House by ex-Ambassador von Bernstorff, who was personally acquainted with the Colonel, says he was the eyes and ears of President Wilson and Bernstorff knew through his own experience how well Colonel House kept President Wilson informed on the European situation.

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PROCLAIM IRISH REPUBLIC TODAY

Dublin "Parliament" Will Declare Independence of British Rule

SINN FEIN IN SADDLE Viceroy, Who Gave Erin Purely Military Government, Keeps Hands Off

By the Associated Press Dublin, Jan. 21.—Probably no country except Ireland could present an episode as remarkable as the assembly of the "Dail Eireann," which is Irish Gaelic for "Irish Parliament," that will be called to order in Dublin's ancient Mansion House this afternoon to proclaim Ireland an independent republic.

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BILTMORE OSWALD The Diary of a Hapless Recruit

MAY 23.—This has not been a particularly agreeable day, although to a woman no doubt it would have been laden with moments of exquisite ecstasy. Feminine apparel for me has lost for ever the charm of mystery that it carries for me, and the enchantment, its innermost secret has been revealed and its revelation has brought with it its full burden of woe. I have always admired women collectively and individually in the past, but after today's experience my admiration is tinged with pity.

SHOT WENT THROUGH LIEBKNECHT'S HEAD Autopsy on Spartacan Chief Shows Fatal Bullet Was Fired From Distance

By the Associated Press Berlin, Monday, Jan. 20.—(By A. P.) The autopsy upon the body of Doctor Karl Liebknecht, the Spartacan leader who was shot and killed last week as he was trying to escape from the party of soldiers which had arrested him in suppressing the Spartacan revolt, showed that he was shot from behind and that the bullet which struck him was fired from some distance.

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