is one provision in the bill that I think goes very far, and I think if Members will study it they will see that it goes very far in this respect, and I believe even the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Trexler] will question the propriety of legislation making the Federal Government the arbiter of many of the matters of Republican government, but I do not think that would take away the power of the State to deal with purely intrastate transactions in the matter of these stockyards. Mr. BLACK. I would like to ask my colleague if he has changed his mind as to the interference of this bill with State affairs since the passage of the Esch-Cummins bill?

The CHAIRMAN. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. BLACK. I will ask for two additional minutes.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection? [After a pause.] The Chair hears none.

Mr. BLACK. Well, I will say to the gentleman that I voted for the Esch-Cummins bill, and I am not undertaking at this point to discuss the provisions of it, but I give the Interstate Commerce Commission power to alter and change State rates, but certainly the gentleman will recognize that the two provisions deal with very different subjects. The railways are for the most part new, parts of large systems extending from State to State, and the tendency is for still further consolidations. There is no such condition as to stockyards. So far as I know, each stockyard operates wholly within a separate State. We deal with the Interstate Commerce law a good many years, and it was many years before Congress deemed the situation as complicated enough to justify giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to have any control over State rates.

Mr. HUDSPETH. But the Supreme Court case has never interfered with the making of intrastate rates.

Mr. BLACK. That is true, and the section of the Cummins-Esch law to which I have referred is simply declaratory of the law as it is now. It was not influenced by the Supreme Court decision, but the Supreme Court has made no such declaration of law as to stockyards, and I question very seriously whether Congress has the power to go to far, even if it is deemed wise to do so.

Mr. HUDSPETH. The Chairman and the gentleman have been on this bill either.

Mr. HUDSPETH. Well, I will withdraw it, but I withdraw it because the gentleman has asked it.

Mr. HUDSPETH. I agree with my colleague that we should not on this bill either.

Mr. HAUGEN. I yield 25 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Michaelson].

Mr. MICHAELSON. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I desire to use the time allotted to me at this time in discussing House resolution 95, which I introduced May 20, asking for information from the Secretary of the State and the Secretary of War relative to the spread of foreign propaganda in the United States prior to the declaration of war by the United States against Germany and asking investigation of charges made in public records and public prints and calling the attention of Congress for a statement made by former Congressman John P. Hough on February 9, 1917, appearing upon pages 2947 and 2948 of the Congressional Record, in which he made the charge that—

In March, 1915, the J. P. Morgan interests, the steel, shipbuilding, and rubber interests, and the Wall street interests, in collusion with the Commins bill, the so-called tariff compromise, which was the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press throughout the country. They found it was only necessary to purchase the newspapers of 25 of the greatest papers in the country upon; enterprizes were sent out to purchase the national, racial and inter-}
Mr. BLANTON. Mr. Chairman, I make the point of order that there is no quorum.

Mr. HAUGEN. Will the gentleman kindly withdraw the point of order?

Mr. BLANTON. I withdraw it, as there are very few here to hear it.

Mr. MICHAELSON. If the information and charges contained in Congressman Callaway's statement are true and can be proven, then the most heinous crime in the world's history was perpetrated upon the peace-loving American people, and while hostilities have ceased and peace is sought by nations heretofore at war, the destruction and devastation, the sorrow and suffering, and the debt imposed by that war are more crushing than ever to the hopes, aspirations, progress, prosperity, and contentment of our people; and, if it can be proven that the charges are true, then the most heinous crime in the world's history was founded upon fraud, intrigue, falsity, falsity, or, manipulation, as charged, then that truth should be published to the world in order to make it impossible that crimes in that nature and the belongings of peace may be more confidently asserted to afflicted humanity everywhere.

In addition to the information and charges filed by Congressman Callaway in the House 74th Congress, M. Gabriel Hanotaux, Minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of France, in his Histoire de la Guerre, 1914, book No. 107, page 54, states, in effect, that France was ready to make peace in the latter part of the year 1914, but was dissuaded from doing so by others, namely, Lord Bacon, of the British, house of J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal agents for the British Government; Myron T. Herrick; and William G. Sharp, and that these men represented to French officials that if France would continue the struggle until 1916 it would force the English government to put the United States into the war on the side of the Allies, and M. Hanotaux further stated that the sum of money which was provided to goad the United States into the war was a sum far greater than the American people comprehend.

Mr. CONNALLY of Texas. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MICHAELSON. I will not yield.

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"There are in America 50,000,000 people who realize that it is inevitable for the United States to enter the war without delay on your side. I am personally one of them. We believe that the time has come when our object is to reverse these figures and to turn the 50,000,000 people here who are at war into 50,000,000 people who shall succeed." The charges filed by Congressman Callaway and the statement made by M. Gabriel Hanotaux would indicate, if true, that there was a definite and widespread conspiracy operating in the United States to plunge the people of the United States into war, and if it is to be proved in the course of this investigation whether there were organized efforts and propaganda to put the United States into the war on the side of the Allies, and M. Hanotaux further stated that the sum of money which was provided to goad the United States into the war was a sum far greater than the American people comprehend.

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Mr. BLANTON. Will I not yield? If these charges are not true, it is a strange thing from the day war was declared in 1914, backed by the President, a British subject, Sir Gilbert Parker, on his own statement, seemingly all mankind to the Government officials and our President, conducted this gigantic propaganda in our country to scientifically inculcate into the hearts of the American people a hate that would finally plunge them into the World War, particularly to us in the United States, and to put that hatred in the hearts, resulting finally in plunging this Nation into the war, with such awful consequences, not only the people of this country but the whole world should know it. If the charges are not true, then the people should know that.

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