

## South Dakota Firms Face Antitrust Charges

New York, Aug. 29.—(P)—A federal grand jury investigating alleged antitrust law violations in various war industries Thursday indicted five corporations and eight individuals on charges of conspiring to control the production and sale of bentonite.

The substance is a natural clay used in heavy materials vital to national defense, such as castings of artillery gun carriages, airplane motor blocks, and tank and tractor treads.

The indictment, the third returned by the jury in as many days, alleged that the defendants controlled more than 90 per cent of the total bentonite production in this country.

Those named included:  
American Colloid company of Lead, S. D., and Paul Bechter, president.

F. E. Schundler Bentonite company of Belle Fourche, S. D., and F. E. Schundler, president.

## Antitrust Indictments Made Against Bentonite Producers

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