

DESPITE WAR COST OF FOOD REMAINS LOW

Germany Successfully Combats Efforts of English to Cut Off Supplies With Blockade.

MEAT IS VERY SCARCE

Government May Take Steps to Prevent Extortion Practiced by Many Speculators.

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BERLIN, July 31.—The last hope of England to starve Germany and her ally, the dual monarchy, into submission has been shattered. For time, during a long and dangerous draught, the situation looked serious, but rains brought relief at the critical moment and a bountiful harvest is now assured. There is no longer any doubt that the Teutonic allies will have food stuffs enough for at least eighteen months, even if the entrance of Roumania into the war should cut off the grain imports from that country. Official reports show that the new harvest will not have been touched before next February.

The confiscation of all bread stuffs in the early stages of the war has worked wonders and stopped all waste. There are still enormous quantities of flour, wheat and cereals of all kinds in the hands of the government and this supply will not be exhausted before the end of the year. With strict economy the surplus of last year's harvest can even be made to last until spring.

Food Prices Drop.

All foods are today as cheap and in many instances cheaper than before the war, with the exception of coffee, rice and other articles which must be imported, as they can not be raised in Germany and Austria-Hungary. White Bread is again on every table and the Berliner has his schrippen (rolls) for breakfast, as in time of peace.

Many, however, prefer the coarse but nourishing kriegsbrodt (war bread), which was loudly condemned when the government created it almost by force. The kriegsbrodt has come to stay and will be eaten long after the present fearful conflict.

The German government with its energy and splendid organization has succeeded in overcoming the dangers of the English blockade completely, but still sees itself confronted with a serious problem. The meat prices, which were astonishingly low during the first few months of the war, have

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become prohibitive. Pork today cost two marks a pound and beef, even the commonest cuts, from 1.90 to 2.20 marks. Meat has become a luxury that is beyond the reach of the laboring class, and it is fast disappearing also from the tables of the middle classes.

Meat Products Short.

The situation has become so serious that the government will have to act, in order to force the meat prices down to their natural level again. There is no scarcity of cattle and hogs. Investigations have proved that the live stock of the farmers throughout the empire is more numerous at present than in July, 1914.

The prices have simply been driven upward by cattle owners and speculators. This extortion is fast becoming unbearable and will compel the government to take drastic steps. With the exception of the organs of the large agricultural interests, the newspapers demand the confiscation of all cattle and hogs, or the reduction of meat prices to a moderate maximum by law.

The extortion now practiced by the interests controlling the meat supply was tried during the spring in an early summer with some success by potato speculators, but these gentlemen have received a very severe and well deserved lesson. They bought up enormous quantities of potatoes and forced the price of this indispensable article of food up about 500 per cent.

Their golden harvest was of short duration, however. The estimate of the potato supply published by the ministry of agriculture, on which they had based their speculation, turned out to be far too low and when this became known the prices went down with a crash. Today potatoes are sold at four pfennigs (1 cent) a pound and the speculators are losing millions.

Masonic Calendar

Tuesday, July 27.—Richmond Lodge No. 196, F. and A. M., called meeting work in the Fellow Craft degree.

Wednesday, July 28.—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M. Called meeting. Work in the Entered Apprentice degree. Commencing at 7 o'clock.

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NATION'S TROUBLES WORRY EXECUTIVE

CORNISH, N. H., July 27.—The tangled international situation kept President Wilson busy today. He abandoned the golf links and gave himself entirely to work. The president was in his study before 9 o'clock going over an accumulated mass of correspondence and reports on the German and Mexican situation.

No indications of the president's attitude on the sinking of the Lusitania has appeared and none is likely until an official report on the matter has been made by Ambassador Page.

A summary of the British note was before the President. While it is possible that the arrival of the British communication may delay the complete American protest against interference with trade for a few days, the president gave no indication of his plans during the forenoon.

County Deaths

ANNUAL EDWARDS.

ECONOMY—Funeral services for Annual Edwards were held here Saturday morning. The M. E. church before quarter composed of the following: Rev. Polhemus, Rev. Wood, Albert Wildy, Mr. Atkinson, Mrs. Ballinger, Mrs. Oler, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mrs. Polhemus, sang. Mrs. Frank Greenstreet presided at the organ. Rev. M. Robins of Shelby county, delivered the sermon. Rev. Wood led in prayer and Rev. Fraser gave a short talk. The pallbearers were D. W. Harris, W. E. Oler, David Jordan, H. B. Oler, Milton Cain and E. T. Veal, life long friends of Mr.

MISS RHODES WINS MEDAL AT CONTEST IN WEBSTER CHURCH

WEBSTER, Ind., July 27.—Mrs. Edith Goddard and children of Williamsburg, spent the weekend, with Howard Starr and family.

The ice cream social at the school house Saturday, given by the Methodist Episcopal Aid society was quite a success socially and financially.

Miss Mable King and Miss Bessie Townsend of Centerville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mason.

Mrs. Morris McCoy and daughter of Richmond, returned home Thursday after several days visit with Samuel Miller and family.

Mrs. Cora Bartlemy and son Charles, returned to their home in Goshen, after several weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Steddom.

Robert Worley and family of Richmond, spent Sunday with Nathan Wills and family.

Mrs. Harry Wilcoxen of Richmond, spent Friday with Clem Oler and family.

Quite a large crowd attended the Silver Medal contest at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. There being seven contestants the medal was awarded Miss Rhodes of near Williamsburg. Mrs. Charles Bundy of Williamsburg, Howard Harris of Webster and Shannon Neff of Greensfork, acting as judges. The Neff quartet of Greensfork, furnished the music.

Miss Ruth Borton of Richmond, is spending several days with Miss Juanita Henderholt.

Christian Endeavor at the Friends church Sunday evening was well attended. James Petry acted as leader.

The Endeavor will not meet any more until the first Sunday in September.

Clarence Fudge and family spent Sunday with relatives in Greensfork. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jessup of Richmond, spent Sunday with Cleo Culbertson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oliver of Chicago, are spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Baldwin.

Mrs. Alice King and Mrs. Fannie Jeffiff and children, all of Richmond, spent Thursday with Roy Best and family.

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