

place Germany in the doubtful class. It is true she imports many food stuffs, and although she raises about 150,000,000 bushels of wheat a year, she imports about 65,000,000 bushels. Nevertheless, she resembles France in being developed both agriculturally and industrially. Her farms are prosperous, her mills are active and she also has had a good over-the-sea trade.

Certainly, Germany is not in the dependant class like England and Belgium, although she is not as independent economically as Russia and more backward countries like Austria.

Personally, I believe that so long as Germany can keep the fighting out of her own territory she can remain self supporting, but must exercise great care and economy even under such conditions.

Small Gardens a Nation's Greatest Defense.

When traveling through France, Germany and these other countries I have always been struck with the great number of farms and kitchen gardens. Land which you and I would not think of bothering about is there made to raise one, two or perhaps three crops a year. Instead of having a few large farms surrounding a city, there are thousands of happy little homes, each with its garden, its cow and its pig. By themselves they do not seem to count much; but in the aggregate they are a nation's greatest defense.

The Score Today.

To sum up, I will say that Russia is self supporting under all circumstances. The fate of Germany, Austria and France depends upon where the fighting is located. These nations can get along all right if they can avoid having their countries ravaged by the enemy. England depends on her navy. With her lines of steamships cut off she would starve in 60 days, but it does not now look as if this would happen. I therefore think it may be reasonable to assume that

England, though not self supporting from an agricultural point of view, will be self supporting through her ability to trade manufactures for foodstuffs.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN NOW

Ald. James McNichols may be chief clerk of election commissioners.

Stanley Kuflewski may be County Hospital warden.

Daniel J. Harris may be Oak Forest superintendent.

J. M. Loeb, M. J. Collins, R. J. Roulston or Dr. Peter Clemensen may be president of school board.

James Donahus may be chief prosecuting attorney.

John E. Maloney may be county comptroller.

Henry Zander may be county agent.

Ald. Lindheimer may be ass't county treasurer.

Si Mayer may be city comptroller.

A WASTED REPROOF



Farmer Bobwhite — That shows how stupid you are with a gun! You'll never get anything goin' huntin' ef you wing your dog every time you shoot.

His Son—Oh, I don't know—I'd get the dog, wouldn't I?