

FOOD QUESTION IN FRANCE ASSUMES MOST SERIOUS PHASE

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, June 2.—The food question in France is regarded as very serious. All the measures thus far taken have failed to assure positively the required supply of bread to carry the country over the next wheat crop, and the government has just decided in a special cabinet meeting to require important sacrifices.

No more pastry and no more crackers or biscuits will be made, except for the army, after a date still to be fixed. No more highly refined flour will be tolerated. Every miller will be obliged to leave a greater percentage of bran in his output and eventually corn meal, rye or barley may be mixed with the wheat flour to eke out the supply.

The experiences of the past year have shown the impossibility of increasing economic conditions by decreasing the maximum selling price of wheat was fixed at a price equivalent to \$1.85 a bushel, in order to avoid an increase in the cost of bread. The result was a great decrease in wheat acreage; the farmers preferred to sow oats and barley that were not subject to any limitations and brought better prices than wheat.

The retail price of butter on the Paris market was fixed at the equivalent of 68 cents a pound. Immediately the receipts fell from 42 tons to less than nine tons a day. The butter went to the British front where it readily brought 80 cents a pound.

The new minister of subsistence, Maurice Viollette, removed the limitation and more butter arrived, but the price went up to a dollar a pound at retail.

Most persons interested in the question, among them such writers as Senator Henry Cheron, formerly under secretary of war, now are of the opinion that neither prices nor supplies can be affected by decrees; that it is entirely a question of production and economy over which the intermediaries can have only a passing control. This seems to be the conclusion M. Viollette has reached in his short experience in power.

According to a story, M. Viollette

found a high pile of papers on his desk when he took charge of the difficult task of regulating the cost of living.

"What are all these documents?" he inquired.

"Those," replied his chief of staff, "are the unanswered questions that you put to your predecessor in the chamber."

From all quarters come demands for a cessation of questions, debates and cross purpose action, and for a concentration of effort upon production.

The wheat crop of 1917, according to estimates gathered by Senator Cheron, will be 7,400,000 bushels short of that of 1916. To make up this shortage it is proposed to increase to the limit of seeding capacity the acreage of oats, barley and potatoes during the time yet remaining.

Beans may be sown as late as June 15, and arrangements are being made for the transportation of seed to all regions appropriate for bean culture that may then remain unseeded.

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TWO BILLIONS ONLY BEGINNING OF THE GREAT U. S. LIBERTY LOAN

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 2.—The Liberty Loan of \$2,000,000,000 is "but the start," Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank said in speaking before the merchants' association on the necessity of em-

would see America safely through. The sacrifices of the war, he asserted, will prove a boon for the country in the long run, if they teach the American people much needed lessons in thrift and national investment. The war must be fought, he said, on the savings of the future.

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EMPEROR CHARLES READS HIS SPEECH

(By Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, June 2.—When the Austrian parliament opened thousands of workmen ceased and workmen organized a procession as a demonstration for peace.

OVER A MILLION SHORTAGE FOUND

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, June 2.—Examination of the books of W. R. Craig & Co., brokers, who caused the arrest of Robert Moore, former head of their commodity department, upon charges of forgery and misappropriation of \$65,000, shows an apparent shortage of \$1,020,850, according to a statement made public at the office of the district attorney.

Several brokers with whom Moore is said to have carried speculative accounts will be summoned to help straighten out the tangle.

CHURCHES

Christian Science Society — Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alas Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. The reading rooms are open daily from 2 to 4 p. m. Testimonial meetings are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

St. Mark's Church.—Sunday, June 3rd. (Trinity Sunday.) Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evensong and sermon, 7:30 p. m. Harlan Bailey, vicar.

Presbyterian Church — Sunday school 10 a. m. Classes and good teachers for all ages. Morning church service 11 o'clock, Christian Endeavor, 6:30. Evening church, 7:30. Lots of gospel singing and some gospel preaching. The Ladies' Aid Society had their last meeting last Thursday and will now enjoy their usual summer vacation. Prayer meeting will be held Thursday night at 7:30. The public cordially invited. Rev. R. W. Bayless, pastor.

St. Patrick's Church — Trinity Sunday, First mass at 8 a. m. At this mass the Holy Angels Sodality will attend communion. Second mass at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 1 p. m. Evening devotions at 7:30. J. Dias, rector.

DRAFT BALKERS PUT UNDER GUARD

(By Associated Press.)
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ISSUANCE OF HABEAS CORPUS PLACES PRISONERS IN MILITARY CARE

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SMALL INVESTORS BUY ON INSTALLMENT PLAN

(By Associated Press.)
SALT LAKE CITY, June 2.—A system whereby small investors may buy Liberty Bonds by paying ten per cent of the principal in cash down and the rest in nine equal payments has been effected by the leading banks of this city.

UNION PACIFIC R. R. MUST PAY IN UTAH

(By Associated Press.)
SALT LAKE CITY, June 2.—Hundreds of millions of dollars will be subject to assessment for Utah's benefit if a statement made under oath to the Salt Lake county commission is borne out. A. C. Ellis, counsel for the Utah Copper company, told the county commission here that the surplus of the Union Pacific company wherever invested is subject to taxation in Utah because the Union Pacific is incorporated in this state.

SOCIALISTS ARRESTED FOR OBSTRUCTING THE DRAFT

(By Associated Press.)
DETROIT, June 2.—Two more arrests were made here by federal officers working on alleged conspiracy to interfere with draft registration. Those arrested are Morris Sugar, prominent in local Socialist circles, and Samuel Diamond, a factory worker. Federal authorities here have 14 men under arrest in connection with the alleged plot.

Highest cash price paid for old Union Pacific Bonds. Adv3231

U. S. LIBERTY BONDS

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 2.—Telegraphic advices to the financial committee of the Liberty Loan from the treasury department at Washington calls particular attention to the conversion privilege of the Liberty Bonds. The dispatch is as follows:

The holder of a Liberty Bond has the privilege, without expense to him, of exchanging his 3½ per cent bond into any new United States government bonds which may be issued during the present war bearing a higher rate of interest.

This is a most important practical reason for deciding to buy a Liberty Bond now.

If the government is obliged to raise the interest rate of any new issue to sell bonds at par (100), the present purchaser enjoys the enviable position of being able to increase his rate of interest by this exchange privilege.

Furthermore, power to increase the interest rate should enable the gov-

ernment to maintain the price of the Liberty Loan at or above par (100).

It seems equally likely that in the event of such increase of interest rate becoming necessary, other securities bearing fixed interest rates will decline in price.

This means that the present purchaser of a Liberty Bond can feel certain that he can sell his bond at any time at practically what he now pays for it, or more. If he holds other securities bearing fixed interest rates he may have to suffer considerable loss in the event of his selling.

If the war is of short duration he can probably sell his \$1000 bond at considerable more than \$1000. If the war is of long duration and the government is obliged to issue more bonds at a higher rate, the investor gets the higher interest rate. In the Liberty Bond, the investor is protected fore and aft—either way he wins.

HELD HOSTAGE FOR A RANSOM

(By Associated Press.)
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 2.—Somewhere in the Ozark Hills the infant son of J. Holland Keet, former banker of this city, is being held as hostage. Two days and two nights of unremitting search failed to reveal the hiding place of the kidnapers who late Wednesday night stole the baby from his bed while a maid slept in an adjoining room, and the parents were attending a ball at the country club a short distance away.

ELK PERISH FROM HUNGER ON COAST

(By Associated Press.)
PORT ANGELES, Wash., June 2.—Forest Ranger Chris Morgenroth has received many reports of elk perishing of hunger in the Olympic National Forest on account of the herds, protected by the government, increasing in numbers beyond the means to sustain them. Fred A. Fischer, a forest ranger, writing to Mr. Morgenroth under date of May 18 from Spruce, Washington, says:

"I made a trip up the river last week, going beyond Curtis creek, and met six or seven bands of elk between Twin and Curtis creeks, but there were no calves in these bands. I am afraid that few calves have pulled through the winter. I found seven cows and one bull dead, and lost count of the calves I found. They were lying around everywhere in the bottoms, the benches and in the hills. The direct cause of death was exposure, there being much slush and snow and generally wet weather all winter. The main cause, however, was the shortage in pasture or browse.

"The elk have been increasing for some years past, and they have cleaned out the salmonberry bushes on the upper river. The licorice fern does not stand much cropping and is getting scarce. Salal bushes also show the effect of short cropping. It was noticeable last fall that the elk peeled the elder close to the farms, where, in other years, they did not come.

"I have seen no signs of wolves. The spring has been late, and as recently as May 10 I encountered elk too weak to get out of my way. Most of the calves I found lay across logs as though they had been too weak to get over. I also found them at the foot of a bench or hill where the elk trails went up. I think if the calves could reach as high for browse as the older elk fever would have perished."

BABY SON OF MISSOURI BANKER HIDDEN AWAY IN THE OZARK HILLS

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EVERYBODY MUST SAVE BREAD IN GREAT BRITAIN

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 2.—In connection with the food economy campaign, 35,000 placards bearing simply the words, "Eat less bread" have just been distributed to churches throughout the country. Ten thousand cards have been issued to London restaurants for public display. They read: "Don't waste bread. If half a slice is enough for you, please cut the slice in half; do not break it. Everybody must save bread. It is a national duty. Will you help?"

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AN APPEAL TO WOMEN

Mrs. Charles P. Squires, temporary chairman for the Nevada division council of national defence, has received through Dr. Anna Shaw, chairman of the women's committee, a letter from Secretary Baker asking the co-operation of the women in making June 5, registration day, a day of patriotic service and devotion to our country. It is earnestly requested that the heads of the various women's organizations in every town in Nevada meet, together with the mayor and heads of local organizations, and plan some fitting ceremony to mark this day in the annals of history.

BILLIARD CHAMPION CALLED

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 2.—Melbourne Inman, English billiard champion, has been called up to join the British army and has been granted 14 days in which to arrange his affairs. The call notice was received while the champion was in the midst of a close match with a local expert.

COLD WEATHER KILLS LAMBS IN UTAH

(By Associated Press.)
SALT LAKE CITY, June 2.—Thousands of lambs in northeastern Utah have died as a result of the extreme cold weather, according to Thomas Redmond of the state livestock commission, who states that the total loss to sheepmen would reach \$100,000.

It takes two to make a quarrel, but only one to keep from talking.—Albany Journal.

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