

# FOOD PRICES MORE IN MEXICO THAN IN THE UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press.)  
**CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex.,** March 26.—Food is so expensive and so difficult to obtain in Mexico, one of the most fertile countries in the world, that the poor are suffering want and even starvation while the more prosperous Mexicans find it difficult to provide sustenance for their families.

Prices of food in the United States even if considered by American housewives to be high, are not to be compared with those prevailing in Mexico since the embargo was placed on the exportation of foodstuffs from the United States to neutral countries.

At opportunity to compare Mexi-

can prices for staple articles with those obtaining in the United States is afforded by the following quotations from merchants here:

Sugar sells for 27 cents a pound, and is very scarce at this price. American butter brings 80 cents a pound gold, and is the occasion for celebration in the Mexican homes when it can be obtained at this price. Butter is unknown among the poorer classes. Flour sells for 15 cents a pound and is growing more expensive as the embargo restrictions are made more stringent. Little wheat bread is eaten by the middle and lower classes who use flour for making tortillas, a cake made of flour and water. American brands of flour

sell as high as 75 cents a pound and it is very scarce. Mexican green coffee brings 28 cents a pound and is roasted over charcoal fires as it is used.

Rice, used principally by the Chinese and Japanese living in Mexico, is worth 12 cents a pound. Lard brings 95 cents a pound when it can be obtained.

Beans, which are a staple food throughout Mexico and are eaten three times a day, sell for 10 cents a pound. The red frijole bean is much preferred to the American white navy bean. No ham or bacon can be bought here at the present time. The last shipment received sold for 83 cents a pound.

# PAYS TRIBUTE TO FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE HEROIC BELGIAN SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)  
**BELGIAN FRONT, March 26.**—Major John van Schaek, acting director of the department of Belgium of the American Red Cross, paid a tribute to the fighting spirit of the Belgian soldiers on a recent visit to this front, asserts the official eye-witness with the Belgian army. He said:

"When I was here as your guest before I said something about the intelligence and courage of your lead-

ers. I want to add just a word now about the splendid spirit of your men. The most of us do not stop to think that the Belgian soldiers by the fortunes of war have a much harder position to endure than the soldiers of any other army. Even the Americans can go back home, and even the Australians and New Zealanders can get letters from home, but a great number of Belgian soldiers can neither visit their homes nor get any information about

their families. In addition they have to realize all the time that their wives and children are in the power of the enemy they are fighting. Repeatedly on this trip men spoke to me about this fact as being one of their greatest hardships. If we stop for a moment, put ourselves in their places and think of our own families, we get a slight idea of one of the heavy burdens which they have been bearing."

## MUST ASK GERMANY FOR SAFE CONDUCT

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, March 26.**—With her sources of food cut off by the battle lines, Switzerland several months ago turned to the United States with an urgent request for foodstuffs and ships to carry them across the Atlantic. The state department gave assurances in a note to the Swiss government that America would aid in every way possible.

Recently several ships bearing grain to Switzerland were torpedoed, making it necessary to procure additional tonnage. Switzerland now is expected to procure safe conduct from Germany before putting in service any of the vessels which the United States now has agreed to permit her to use.

## URGES INCREASE OF AMERICAN ARMY

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, March 26.**—Back from a visit to the western battle front, Major-General Leonard Wood, in a confidential statement yesterday before the senate military committee, declared that allied military opinion is unanimous that the German offensive will fail, and urged a great increase—to 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 men in America's army.

It was General Wood's opinion, according to his auditors, that the Germans on the western front now are numerically superior, both on the ground and in the air, but that the allies are in a better position. While confident that the German offensive will be halted before the enemy has gained any material objectives, General Wood suggested that the offensive may change the warfare into a more open contest. For that reason he recommended the training of American forces for open warfare as well as for trench fighting.

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## ALLIES BRING DOWN HOSTILE MACHINES

(By Associated Press.)  
**LONDON, March 26.**—The admiralty announces that during offensive patrols carried out by naval machines from Dunkirk on March 21 to 24 ten enemy machines were destroyed and seven were brought down out of control. A hostile balloon was brought down in flames.

"Three bombing raids were carried out on the Bruges dock," continues the statement, "and many direct hits were obtained. Bombs were seen to burst close to destroyers. Several torpedo boats, a destroyer and an armed trawler were attacked. One of our airplanes was forced to land in the sea; the pilot was picked up by a French destroyer. All the other machines returned safely."

**MASSED ATTACKS COSTLY**

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, March 26.**—Members of the allied military missions said the Germans are probably losing a hundred thousand men daily in the massed attacks. The allied losses are far less.

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## NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

(By Associated Press.)  
**SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.**—With the opening of the 1918 season of the Pacific Coast League on April 2, five of the six cities which go to make up the circuit will be in California. The one exception is the Salt Lake City club. With the passing of the Portland (Ore.) franchise to Sacramento the only other coast state in the organization is eliminated.

It was for this reason that the Northwestern League is changing its name to the Pacific Coast International League advanced the argument that it was more justly entitled to the appellation "Pacific Coast" in view of the fact that the states of Washington, Oregon and the province of British Columbia are represented. The Pacific Coast League advanced objections to the use of its name in which the North-westerners replied by suggesting that the name "California League" would be more appropriate to the objectors.

With only three states, Washington, Oregon and California, making up the Pacific Coast line, a tremendous distance separates the points. It was practically for this reason that Portland withdrew. The long hauls were found to delve deep into the club treasuries when it came to the cost of transportation for the teams.

It is because of the long distances and the resulting cost of transportation that many believe a Pacific coast league which would include cities of British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California is more or less out of the question. The run from Vancouver to San Di-

ego, California, approximates a distance equal to half of the transcontinental trip. The actual traveling time between the two points, however, is considerable more.

(By Associated Press.)  
**OAKLAND, March 26.**—The Pacific Association wrestling, boxing, gymnastic and the far western boxing championships will be held here August 15 to October 15 in connection with the Pacific coast land and industrial exposition. An arena with a seating capacity of 10,000 persons will be among the exposition buildings to be erected.

(By Associated Press.)  
**MOSCOW, Idaho March 26.**—Harry Hartwell of Buhl, Idaho, who played guard on the University of Idaho football team last season has left school to enter the United States army flying corps. Hartwell was a heavy and aggressive player, and was reckoned as a valuable member of the team.

(By Associated Press.)  
**SPOKANE, Wash., March 26.**—Opening of training work for the Spokane baseball squad of the Pacific International League will start April 15, according to announcement of F. C. Farr, president of the local club. Training headquarters will be established at the local league park and the training work will be done here, Mr. Farr said, the lateness of the training season selected making that possible.

Manager Nick Williams of the Spokane team is expected to sign up several semi-professional players of this vicinity for a tryout with the team.

## WAR POMP AND PAGEANTRY DEAD

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, March 26.**—The pomp and pageantry of war fast are disappearing. The days are gone when a "thin red line," advancing with colors flying and bayonets gleaming, presented the enemy with easy cannon-fodder. In the first place, the resplendent uniform has been discarded by all belligerents for the one of somber, inconspicuous hue. The reason is obvious—the human target is delineated with dangerous distinctness when bright colors are worn. For almost the same reason, bayonets are no longer burnished. A raiding party, lurking in No-Man's Land cannot afford to have its presence betrayed by the gleam of light from a star-shell on a polished piece of steel.

The general of the lace-encumbered uniform and flowing hat plumes has passed out with the horse-hair sofa period, so far as field service is concerned. In the gloomy corridors of the state, war and navy building there is on display in glass cases mummified attire in the uniform worn by American soldiers at various periods of the country's history. A continental warrior, clad in a blue coat with buff facings and wearing a perilously-balanced three-cornered hat, compares but poorly in apparent efficiency with the trim fighting man of today. The garb of the modern American soldier is developed along strictly utilitarian lines. The dull khaki tone blends into the landscape at a distance and the broad-brim campaign hat offers protection from the sun. The "tin hat," or steel helmet worn in trench warfare, also has been adopted by the expeditionary forces.

Moreover, the regimental standards usually are left at headquarters. A sad feature of the present war is that there will be no "youngest drummer boy." For many years the proud individual who held this distinction in the civil war has been dying off by hundreds. The bare of bands usually has been associated with memorable advances of troops, but the musicians now can be convinced very easily that trench concerts might prove unhealthy. There still remains, however, the skirl of the bagpipes.

**RESERVE SHIPPING RIGHTS**

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, March 26.**—The war industries board will withhold benefits of priority transportation from those industries deemed non-essential to the prosecution of the war.

## WHAT'S WHAT

(By L. L. Mudgett.)  
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The next great Liberty Loan campaign will start on April 6th. The amount to be raised is \$3,000,000,000. It is to be hoped that Nye county will again go over the top with ease and do her share to keep our state in the lead of all others. It is the grand determination test of the war, for when this campaign is closed it will have been definitely determined: "WHO IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT," and "Who is AGAINST the government." Past wars seem like mere musical comedies when compared with the present titanic struggle for the freedom of the world and the equality of all humanity.

The Liberty Loan committee of the National Council of Defense will make its canvas complete to the last man who obtains his livelihood within the borders of Nye county and when the work is done we will know who is FOR and who is AGAINST the principles for which our heroes are struggling.

Arise all you people: Arise in your might,  
 For God and your country, for freedom and right,  
 For the love of mankind, and the glory of state  
 Get back of your government before it's too late.

## HEAVY FIGHTING ON ENTIRE FRONT LINE

(By Associated Press.)  
**LONDON, March 26.**—Fresh hostile attacks developed yesterday morning in great strength on the whole battle front," says Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters, "and they have continued throughout the day.

"South of Peronne the enemy succeeded after heavy fighting in crossing the river Somme at certain points. These are being dealt with."

**STATEMENTS UNCONFIRMED**

(By Associated Press.)  
**WASHINGTON, March 26.**—The German statements that Americans are participating in the fighting on the British front are unconfirmed. Officials have declined to comment on them.

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