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FOOD AND FIGHTERS

THE problem of supplying the people in Germany with sufficient food is one that is each day becoming more critical. Every once and a while we hear in this country that Germany has plenty of food, that the nation can go on fighting for years to come and that the food problem is one of the things that is not worrying the Prussian military heads. But it is safe to take the evidence presented in the Berlin newspapers, owned by the Prussian military party and allowed to print only what is deemed for the best interests of the army. Quoting from those papers, the public is told that "not only is there no chance of the potato ration being increased, but we must think ourselves lucky if it is maintained at its present level." This is the view expressed by Dr. Von Bretterich, the Bavarian minister of the interior. Bitter complaints regarding the quality of the food appear from time to time in the newspapers. The daily ration of cereals to the public is half a teacup and the vegetable supply is limited to turnips and kohlrabi, according to the same authority, while the fat quota allotted grows continually smaller. The conquest of Russia has not helped matters for it is a notorious fact that the Russian farmers have not been farming with the idea of supplying anyone but themselves. That has been the case ever since the revolution started in Russia and the people became drunk with their newfound liberty.

Good food and plenty of it is an absolute necessity for any nation that is going to follow fighting for any length of time. Hindenburg did all in his power to supply the necessary food when he drafted thousands of men unfit for military service and women and sent them to the agricultural districts. Despite his every effort the food shortage continues to menace the existence of his fighting machine. It is a problem that seems hopeless if we are to judge from the comments appearing in German newspapers. It is also part of the price the Hun is paying for robbing the French of their iron mines. Germany has been one of the largest steel manufacturing countries in the world. That was in preparation for the present conflict. It would seem that in the mad ambition to lead the world in the production of steel not enough attention was paid to the development of agriculture. For years Germany has been importing the greater portion of its food supply. This was while the steel industry was flourishing. But with the present blockade on foodstuffs, surrounded on all sides by the allied nations, with the food shortage becoming each day more menacing, the outlook for Germany becomes gloomier than ever. There is every reason to believe that if German arms are not successful in the present drive there will come to a speedy end the Prussian military party and peace will be restored.

DO MORE AND TALK LESS

SECRETARY of the Treasury McAdoo has decided not to permit official announcements of subscriptions to the third Liberty loan to be published. The figures to be given out will represent the actual cash received on account. While defaults on subscriptions of previous loans were not numerous, his intention is to give credit only to those who pay installments as well as sign subscription blanks, says the New York Commercial. This will check some of the spread-eagleism to which a certain class of Americans is given. Stories of over-subscriptions tend to check sales, because there are some who would subscribe if the thought the success of the loan depended on them but who are inclined to hold off when they think others have done all that is necessary. They can get higher rates for their money in other investments, and many desire to increase their incomes by taking chances in order to meet the high cost of living. Full particulars will be published at a later date, but Mr. McAdoo will not allow over-confidence to diminish subscriptions if he can help it.

In all matters pertaining to this war, exaggeration should be avoided. We should neither boast of our military powers, nor magnify the dangers we face. Read the history of our civil war, especially of its early stages, and see how boasts of an early victory were followed by panic and despondency. Lincoln never knew which of the two did the greater harm. The principle enunciated by Mr. McAdoo should apply to everything connected with the greater struggle in which we are involved. We need courage and confidence, but foolish boasting may cause an unpleasant reaction. We must realize the immensity of our task and devote ourselves to winning the war with sober determination to make the world safe for democracy. We need enthusiasm but not vainglory.

BEN D. LUCE IS IN FIGHT TO FINISH

BEN D. LUCE will enter the primary fight in September and will seek the nomination on the Democratic ticket for governor. Let there be no mistake about that. There are certain Democratic politicians in Nevada that for some time past have been circulating stories to the effect that Mr. Luce would withdraw, that he had never really intended to enter the fight and that he only allowed his name to be used to please some of his intimate friends, and other stories of a like nature. To those who know Mr. Luce such stories receive hardly a respectful hearing to say nothing of awakening any belief in them. Those same Democratic politicians that are circulating those stories have their own little axes to grind and are grinding them in that particular manner. Enough said along that line. Mr. Luce is known in this portion of Nevada. He is known as a perfectly frank and honest man. His nature is such that he cannot wear a mask. And he is in the fight to stay. He has lived here a long time, long enough for the people to become thoroughly acquainted with him. He has one characteristic that sets him apart from the average man and that continues to win for him many friends. It may be called dependability. When Ben D. Luce tells you his views on any question you may be certain that you know positively where he stands. That is a dominating characteristic with him. And that one characteristic is and has been winning him support each day. You

know that you can depend on him doing what he says he will do. It is more than the Bonanza can say for some others. While the Bonanza is not of the same political faith as Mr. Luce we know him as an honest and sincere man.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Conserve in the household; we haven't even war bread to burn.—Atlanta Constitution.

Those Germans some day will have to find a substitute for victory.—Detroit Free Press.

The spade is a weapon of honor; dust on your garden trousers is proof of loyalty.—Birmingham Ledger.

Germans again are hinting at peace, but beware of a trench knife in the other hand.—Portland Oregonian.

It looks like war, sure enough, when the necessity arises for the conservation of toothpicks.—San Antonio Express.

Heighho! Who ever thought our airplane plans would be "up in the air" at this critical stage of the war game?—Troy Record.

As an offset to Germany's "big gun," kick La Follette out of the senate.—Pittsburgh Post.

Now is the time, as the Ohio State Journal man would say, to give our pants to France.—Toledo Blade.

Washington is said to be hopeful that Russia will "come back," but Russia herself does not seem to know whether she is coming or going.—Providence Journal.

DAY'S WORLD WAR NEWS GENERALIZED

(By Associated Press)

Seven days after the Germans launched their gigantic assault against the British lines between Lens and Ypres, the momentum of their attack has been broken and the waves of the Teutonic forces are recoiling before the rock of the British defense. While the Germans have made gains of ground and have driven a wedge into the allied lines to a considerable depth, they seem to have failed in their attempt to break through or take important railroad junctions.

During the last day there have been bitterly fought engagements in four places, all on the northern side of the salient to the south of Ypres. Seven assaults against the British trenches at Merville, near the apex of the triangular dent in the British line have been hurled back by the British. Neuve Eglise on the extreme southwestern spur of Messines ridge, has been taken by the Germans after a struggle which will go down into history as one of the greatest of the past week.

The British, however, have not retired far and it is probable that they will at once organize a counter attack to force the Germans out of the town, which, if held, might be a "kicking off" point for an attack which might outflank and make untenable Messines ridge, the key to the British positions about Ypres.

Bailleul and Wulverghem, between Neuve Eglise and Merville, also have been the scenes of hard fighting, but except for Neuve Eglise, the northern side of the salient has stood firm. On the southern side of the salient according to Berlin, fierce struggles have been fought.

It has been the German plan of campaign since March 21, when the great offensive started, to make a powerful attempt to break one sector and if that blow was parried, to turn powerfully against some new point. This procedure probably will be followed in the next few days by

(By Associated Press)

A new assault somewhere south of Arras. An attack north of Ypres is hardly possible, for the lowlands of Belgium are as yet too water-logged to permit active operations. An attack on Arras would entail the hurrying of troops against Vimy ridge, the labyrinth and other formidable military works protecting that city.

It may be that the savage fighting reported at Hangard-en-Santerre, south of Albert and on the center of the line facing Amiens, may mark the beginning of a new attempt to sweep westward toward Amiens. So far the fighting has brought the Germans only losses in men and ground. Further south, near Mont Didier, there has been intense artillery firing, but the Germans have not attempted infantry operations in this important sector.

German troops have entered Helingsborg, the Finnish capital. It was reported last week that the Russian warships which have been there had made their escape and had reached Kronstadt, the great Russian naval base.

American forces near Toul are standing firm before heavy attacks by the Germans and have held their lines intact in spite of all the weight of men and metal the enemy has loosed against them. The Germans have lost heavily.

The constant German attacks in this sector may have some bearing on the development of the German offensive campaign, and much interest in the situation throughout the region held by General Pershing's men is evidenced by the allied leaders.

KING STAYS HOME

(By Associated Press)
AMSTERDAM, April 16.—Dispatches dated Saturday to the Berliner Tageblatt said that Emperor Charles had cancelled the visit he intended to make to Budapest, due to important conferences on Austria's foreign affairs that were being held.

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NEW YORK WINS OPENING GAME

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The American league baseball season was opened here yesterday with a 6 to 3 victory for the New York Americans over Washington, due largely to the ineffectiveness of Walter Johnson, particularly against Frank Baker, who drove in three runs for the visitors.

President Wilson, who usually throws out the first ball, was not able to be present and District Commissioner Louis Brownlow acted in his stead. The only ceremony was the raising of the American flag while a band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the players stood with heads bared. The 13,000 spectators listened attentively to a Liberty loan orator and later cheered lustily when a huge Caproni biplane flew over the field dropping miniature Liberty bells.

FIGHTS SOCIAL DISEASES

(By Associated Press)

SANTA FE, N. M., April 16.—New Mexico health officials today extended the state's quarantine regulations to all persons afflicted with any form of social diseases regardless of their occupation, place of residence, wealth or poverty.

Drastic steps in this connection, it was said, will be taken by the state to prevent the spread of these diseases and to prevent them so far as possible.

The fight against these diseases is largely to be made through physicians who must keep a record of each case which comes under their observation and report them to the state board of health. By keeping these records it is believed possible to prevent afflicted persons spreading the disease.

BUMPER FRUIT CROP WILL BREAK RECORD

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, April 16.—A bumper fruit crop, probably exceeding even the record crop of last year, is indicated in the agricultural forecasts. The chief difficulty this year, as last, will be the provision of the five million baskets required to handle the crop. Before the war practically all fruit baskets were imported, but under the spur of necessity, the old English basket-weaving industry has been revived to a considerable extent. The government is now encouraging the opening of basket-making centers as village industries in all the willow-growing districts, and in some places German prisoner labor is being extensively employed.

BOSTON WINS GAME

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, April 16.—Ruth held Philadelphia to four hits in as many innings, in the first game of the season here yesterday. Boston winning 7 to 1, in a none too cleanly played contest. Conditions for the game were the best this city has seen in years for an opening contest, yet the attendance was only slightly more than 7000. Before the game the teams paraded, displaying third Liberty loan insignias.

FOOD GIFTS DESIRABLE

(By Associated Press)

AMSTERDAM, April 16.—The most desirable gifts nowadays in Germany are things to eat and wear. The following is a list of the gifts presented by the people of Salzburg at a benefit recently to Herr Bratt, the leading tenor of the local opera company: Seven pairs of boots, three suits of clothes, eleven pounds of coffee substitute, fifty-one packages of food, one sausage four feet long, 4400 in cash.

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