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Each of the eight members of the Keokuk fire department at the central station will have an individual locker in which to keep his coats, hats and other belongings, needed when going to a fire call.

The wall board of the old stalls in the station have been taken down and carpenters are just finishing putting in the lockers. These are of wood, four on each side of the room.

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HIGH COST OF LIVING

Egg Boycott in Kansas City Resulted in Dealers Giving the Price Another Boost.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—Restaurant men and their customers did not seem to care today whether the price of eggs went up or down. "The six cent raise in eggs yesterday is merely a bluff on the part of the commission men," A. B. Crader, secretary of the Kansas City Restaurant Men's association declared. "I notice they are doing the same trick in Chicago. I expect the price to drop further when they find out that our boycott means business."

The Restaurant Men's association boycott went into effect here Sunday. Members of the association report that in the 400 Kansas City restaurants practically no eggs have been called for.

Women Boycott Eggs.

Continuing their campaign against the inflated prices of food stuffs, members of the Oklahoma City Housewives' league today were boycotting eggs, potatoes and cranberries. The list of taboo edibles is expected to be increased at the next meeting if the articles already listed fail to slump in price.

Farmers to Testify.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Subpoenas for one hundred farmers from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to appear before the federal grand jury here, were being prepared today. Five hundred Chicago grocers will also be called to testify in the food probe.

With the summoning of the farmers and retailers, the grand jury will have called before it every one from producer to consumer through whose hands foodstuffs pass.

No Desire to Punish.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Something better than boycott as a means of holding down food prices will be the result of the federal investigation now under way, the investigators hoped today. That their desire is to find a way to put prices on a proper level rather than to punish any individual, was explained by federal officials.

"It would be a sad commentary on our laws if we have to advise the public to starve," said Deputy District Attorney Markewich. "That's what a boycott means."

"The food speculators would not feel alarmed over a boycott; they would simply keep their stuff a little longer in their warehouses. The only ones to suffer would be the small dealers, who are injured as much by the practice of the sharks as the general public is. The boycott might drive the small dealer out of business, but that is about all it would do."

ARMOR PLATE IS DISCUSSED

Executive Committee of Industrial Association Talks Over Proposed Site.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the Keokuk Industrial Association held this morning, the committee members informally discussed the matter of an armor plate factory for this city. The directors will hold their meeting Wednesday at the Hotel Iowa at 6 o'clock.

The chances of Keokuk for the securing of the armor plate factory are considered good, and everything that can be done to convince the committee of this fact is being taken up by the association and individuals. The association started some time ago in the matter of a munitions plant, and is keeping after the armor plate matter.

Newspapers Advance Rates. ERIE, Pa., December 12.—Because

of the advance in the cost of print paper and other materials, two local afternoon newspapers announced today an increase in price from one to two cents.

ALPHABET OF FIRST INFANTRY

Private Julius Jones of Company L Contributes Something Original.

Private Julius Jones of Company L has written what he calls the First Iowa Infantry Alphabet, using the letters of the companies in the battalion. He sends with his contribution a letter in which he says that all of the Company L boys are in fine condition and able to eat three square meals per day.

Here is the alphabet:
A stands for apples that we seldom get.
B stands for bacon the cooks can't forget.
C stands for corned beef that we can hardly eat.
D stands for doughnuts that would be quite a treat.
E stands for eggs, we think there are no more.
F stands for fish that hang around the shore.
G stands for garlic that gets in our soup.
H stands for hardtack we get a plenty of.
I stands for Irish stew we all like so well.

K stands for kraut, one thing we like to smell.
L stands for lemonade that is never made.
M stands for muffins that taste like home made.

TIRED OF WAR ASKS FOR PEACE

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ican, Spanish and Swiss ambassadors or ministers at the capitals of the entente allies. These ambassadors will, in turn formally deliver the note to the government of the entente nations. The same procedure will be followed in the case of formal replies to the peace propositions. England, for instance, will probably give to the American ambassador, the Spanish ambassador and Swiss minister identical notes detailing their response to German proposals. These will be transmitted to the capitals of the United States, Switzerland and Spain and through diplomatic channels formally handed to Germany through the agency of the American, Swiss and Spanish diplomatic representatives at Berlin.

Meaning of Success. One of the great authorities on finance explains that not five per cent of the people are financially successful. That depends somewhat upon the meaning of the phrase "financially successful." If it means millions, steam yachts, etc., perhaps the great authority may be right. If it means enough to lead a simple healthy life, without worry and without work at an age when work really does become a burden, then the man is entirely off the track—at least so far as Iowa is concerned.

Ask Meredith. Marshalltown Times-Republican: If it is true that Mr. Bryan plans to make the democratic party the prohibition party of 1920, he ought to consult Ed Meredith in Iowa before he makes his final plunge.

THE WEATHER

[U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.]

River Bulletin.
Flood stage Stage Change
Dubuque 18 3.9 -0.1
Davenport 15 3.2 0.0
Keokuk 14 3.1 -0.2
St. Louis 30 2.1 -0.1
The river will fall slightly from Davenport to Warsaw during the next 48 hours.

Weather Forecast.
For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled with snow flurries tonight; Wednesday fair and much colder.
For Iowa: Unsettled with snow flurries this afternoon and east portion tonight; colder tonight; Wednesday fair and much colder. Fresh north-west winds.

For Missouri: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably snow flurries tonight; colder. Fresh west to northwest winds.

Weather Conditions.
There is light snow from the Rocky Mountains to the lower lakes and in the Ohio valley this morning, and rain in the northeastern states, with the storm center moving out the St. Lawrence valley.
It is much colder in the central valleys and in the southern states, and somewhat warmer in the northern mountain region.

Local Observations.
Dec. 11 p. m. ... 29.93 24 W Cloudy
12.7 a. m. ... 29.88 16 SW Lt. Snow
Precipitation .02
Mean temperature 11th, 26; highest, 29; lowest, 22; lowest last night, 16.
FRED Z. GOSWICK, Observer.

WHEAT DROPPED WHEN NEWS CAME

Germany's Offer of Peace Caused Fall in Market of Several Points at the Start.

STEADIED LATER ON

Pit Traders Excited at First, But Quieted Down After the Initial Demonstration.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Fifteen minutes after the market opened, May wheat had dropped more than three points, due to Germany's offer of peace. May wheat was 3% below the opening at 170 1/4; July wheat was down 1 1/4 at 144 1/4; December was unquoted.

At 10 o'clock, half an hour after the market opening, May wheat had dropped 5 1/4 points, making the total fall off since yesterday's close 6 1/4 points. July was down 2 1/4 below today's opening, a decline of 4 1/4 points since yesterday.

The grain market steadied after shooting downward during the first half hour's trading. At 10:15 May was 1/4 point below the level at 10 a. m. May and December were steady.

The pit traders took the view that the German proposals would not be acceptable. At 10:30 a. m. wheat remained steady at the decline. December was unchanged from 10:15 a. m. at 158; May down 1/4 at 143 1/4 and July up 1/4 at 143 1/4.

After a temporary lull in the market decline, wheat started down again. May dropping 1/4 and July 1/4, additional shortly after 10:30 a. m. December remained steady.

Wheat jumped up at 11 a. m. May advancing 1 point to 169, July advancing 1/2 at 143 1/4.

PREPARING FOR WINTER CAMPAIGN

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tion was forestalled, according to Rumanian citizens. Russian advice to the Rumanian army was to retreat to the east of Bucharest, burning all supplies and all towns so as to create a veritable death zone—just as the Russians did in Poland during the last Hindenburg offensive when they destroyed four thousand towns. But the Rumanians in a great many instances refused to make such sacrifices of their property. In Craiova, citizens related how before the Germans appeared, the Rumanian government at Bucharest ordered the Craiova police to destroy all food supplies, even those which were the private property of inhabitants.

In a "death zone" such as the Rumanians advised, the advancing army would be forced to provide shelter, which is an enormous handicap. For supplies would also be lacking.

Working with the German troops is a new military monster. It is an armored automobile, which attains a speed of thirty miles an hour; carries machine guns and has a crew of one officer and nine men. The very first action in which this new monster was used—the soldiers call it "the armored devil"—it killed 200 men and wounded 150. This was directly in front of Bucharest. The car returned safely.

Nothing invented in this war, not even the British "tanks" can compare with the success of this new engine of destruction. In a small railway station one night, a lieutenant in the first division of the armored car squadron and returning to Berlin to superintend the building of these marvels. "I learned that the first models of the present machines were used at Verdun during the offensive, then in Alsace and also a few times in Russia. Then came the new model in Rumania. Its operation has been so successful that it has literally been 'run to death' lately and is now being repaired after exploits in the battle of Turnu-Jui, where the Germans broke the Rumanian line, opening the way to Craiova. It was here that the 'armored devil' played its first big role.

On Somme Battlefield.
BERLIN, Dec. 12. (Via wireless to Sayville.)—"On the battlefield of the fighting activity of our artillery which since the end of November had considerably diminished, was temporarily increased again in the afternoon," said today's German official statement.

Along the east bank of the Meuse and near Moselle there was strong cannon and mine thrower firing without infantry activity.

Two More Towns Taken.

BERLIN, Dec. 12. (Via wireless to Sayville.)—"Occupation of Urziceni and Mizil by German forces under Field Marshal Von Mackensen, was announced in today's official statement of the Rumanian campaign.

The army group of Field Marshal Von Mackensen—especially the Ninth army, in the last three days captured from the Rumanians more than



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Late Market Quotations

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CHICAGO, Dec. 12.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.	1.58	1.58 1/4	1.53 1/4	1.54
May	1.71 1/4-1.74	1.74	1.64	1.65 1/4
July	1.46-1.46 1/4	1.46 1/4	1.41	1.42 1/4-1.43
CORN—				
Dec.	88 1/4-89	89	87 1/4	87 3/4
May	91 1/4-91 3/4	91 3/4	88 3/4	89 1/4
July	91 1/4-91 3/4	91 3/4	88 3/4	89 1/4
OATS—				
Dec.	51	51 1/4	49	49
May	55 1/4-55 1/2	55 1/2	51 1/4	52 1/4
July	52 1/4-52 1/2	52 1/2	48 1/4	50
PORK—				
Jan.	26.65	26.70	26.25	26.72
LARD—				
Jan.	15.70-82	16.00	15.60	16.25
Dec.	16.17	16.72	16.17	16.72
RISES—				
Jan.	13.75	13.87	13.65	13.87
May	14.10	14.25	14.00	14.25

Hog receipts 17,000; market 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, \$9.50@10.20; good to heavy, \$10.15@10.20; rough, \$9.35@9.65; light, \$9.55@10.10; bulk, \$9.70@10.15; pigs, \$7.50@9.00.

Sheep receipts 10,000; market steady. Ewes, \$3.75@8.70; yearlings, \$8.00@10.00; lambs, \$7.50@13.00.

Omaha Live Stock.
OMAHA, Dec. 12.—Cattle receipts 9,100; market steady, strong. Steers, \$6.50@11.50; cows and heifers, \$4.50@10.00; stockers and feeders, \$5.75@10.00; calves, \$5.00@11.00; bulls and stags, \$5.00@6.75.

Hog receipts 15,500; market slow, 10c lower. Bulk, \$9.45@9.85; top, \$10.00.

Sheep receipts 17,500; market 10c higher. Yearlings, \$8.50@10.50; wethers, \$8.25@9.25; lambs, \$12.00@12.05; ewes, \$7.25@8.75.

Kansas City Live Stock.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Cattle receipts 15,000; market steady. Steers, \$6.00@12.00; cows and heifers, \$5.25@10.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.75@10.00; calves, \$5.50@11.00.

Hog receipts 22,000; market steady. Bulk, \$9.50@10.00; heavy, \$9.50@10.50; medium, \$9.70@10.00; light, \$9.40@9.85.

Sheep receipts 7,000; market 10c higher. Lambs, \$11.75@12.85; ewes, \$7.50@8.75; wethers, \$6.00@12.00.

Chicago Produce.
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Butter—Extras 37c; firsts, 35 1/2@36c; dairy extras, 32 1/2@35c; dairy firsts, 31@32c. Eggs—Ordinary firsts, 35@36c; firsts, 37c.

Cheese—Twins, 25 1/2@25 1/4c; Young Americas, 26 1/4@26 1/2c.

Potatoes—Receipts 25 cars; fancy westerns, \$1.60@1.70; Wisconsin, Minnesota, \$1.50@1.60 per bushel. Live poultry—Fowls, 13@17c; ducks, 17@17 1/2c; geese, 16@17c; spring chickens, 18c; turkeys, 20c.

New York Produce.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Flour market dull, unsettled.
Pork market dull. Mess, \$15.00@32.00.
Lard market easier. Middle west spot, \$7.50@7.60.
Sugar, raw, market inactive. Centrifugal test, \$5.64.
Sugar, refined, market inactive. Cut loaf, \$8.35; crushed, \$8.20; powdered, 7.30; granulated, 7.20@7.25.
Coffee Rio No. 7 on spot, 9 1/4c.
Tallow market dull. City, 11c; country, 11 1/4@11 1/2c; special, 11 1/2c.
Hay market steady. Prime, 1.05; No. 3, 80@85c; clover, 65@90c.

Chicago Seed Market.
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Rye—No. 2 \$1.43 1/4.
Barley—90c@1.23.
Timothy—43.25@5.50.
Clover—\$12.00@17.00.

Will Act For Germany in Peace
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gation, will have a broad bearing upon what this government does.

Refused to Discuss It.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Informed by the United Press today of Germany's offer to discuss peace proposals, Secretary of State Lansing

Dressed poultry market quiet. Turkeys, 15@22c; chickens, 14@20c; fowls, 12@21c; ducks, 10@17c. Live poultry market firm. Geese, 14@15c; ducks, 15@16c; fowls, 16@19c; turkeys, 15@17c; roosters, 14c; chickens, 17@19c.

Cheese market steady. State milk common to special, 20 1/2@26c; skims, common to specials, 18@21c.
Butter market firm. Receipts 18,122. Creamery extras, 35c; dairy tubs, 30@32c; imitation creamery firsts, 31 1/4@32c.

Egg market firm. Receipts 7,200. Nearby white fancy, 55@58c; nearby mixed fancy, 40@50c; fresh, 43@46c.

Horse and Mule Market.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 11.—Horses.—The southern trade warmed up somewhat and there was a better market for nice, smooth southern clams. A thorough clearance was made of this stock, but common and in-between kinds were slow and lower throughout the week, and clearance not good. Sales of easterners were rare. It was a better acting market for warblers and 1,148 were disposed of. A few French inspection was added, which accelerated that buying, purchases amounting to 292 head. British branded 200, a short supply and some were left over, but other classes were cleaned up. Italians branded 240, Belgians 271 and the United States 40 head.

Heavy draft, extra \$150@220
Eastern chucks 150@180
Southern horses, good 95@120
Southern horses, plain 70@90
Southern horses, common 40@60
Choice saddlers 100@200
Plugs 50@75
Mules—Half finished and untrained stock, including unclassified and bad haired mules of all descriptions as drags and for no improvement. Several inspections are running now and warblers are selling better than they have in a long time. A contract for 142 mules at \$115 per head and 15 to 15-1 hand mules at \$140 appealed to a good many ship pers, who got their stock landed without difficulty. There are other inspections, though, which an animal up to 15-2 hands will pass.

16 to 16 1/2 hands \$150@250
15 to 15 1/2 hands 140@180
14 to 14 1/2 hands 50@110
13 to 13 1/2 hands 45@90
Plugs 25@75

Confined himself to saying.
"I know nothing about it."

The United Press dispatches were conveyed to him by his secretary, Richard Crane, who explained that it was not surprising that press dispatches regarding such a matter reached the United States before official dispatches.

The news was given to Secretary Lansing just before his regular morning engagement with the newspaper men, while he was in a departmental conference.

Immediately after the receipt of the news, Lansing declined to see the moment to see any newspaper men. It was presumed he would keep his regular appointments at a later hour.

The United States will direct the peace proposals to entente nations where she represents Germany's interests.

The administration viewpoint is that there has been a disinclination to engage in any peace maneuver on one side or the other had given an indication that it wanted peace. If Germany's terms are such as to promise success, there seems reason to believe that this government will not only present the proposals, but likewise lend its moral influence for the settlement for the great conflict, officials said.

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