

## FRENCH HAD 100-MILE GUN

Chief Engineer of Navy Had Cannon Ready at Time of Armistice Signing.

Paris.—While giving evidence before a committee of the chamber of deputies investigating the Brley question M. L. Bourgeois, chief engineer of the navy department, said that at the time Paris was being bombarded by German long-range guns he had designed a cannon with a range of 100 miles, which could be put in position in an hour.

M. Bourgeois stated that before that time he had urged upon Albert Thomas, then undersecretary of state for war and munitions, the importance of bombarding the Brley iron works and had been asked to design a long-range cannon.

His plans, however, were sent from one committee to another and the order to manufacture it was not given until February, 1918. The gun was ready for action at the time the armistice was signed, he said.

## BACK FROM WAR, WIFE GONE

Hence Lieut. James G. Payne Brings Action for Divorce in New York.

New York.—Returning from long service in submarine infested waters on March 27, 1918, James G. Payne, who was a lieutenant aboard the cruiser Denver, doing convoy duty, hurried to his home at West 127th St. to greet his wife and their children. He found his old apartment deserted and upon making inquiries of the neighbors discovered his wife had moved with the children. She sent word she wouldn't live with him any longer.

Mr. Payne, who now has an electrical business at 542 Fifth avenue, has begun an action for a separation, and in his complaint, filed in the supreme court, told of how his wife, Oenla C. Payne, had moved during his absence. He said Mrs. Payne had taken all the household effects, including his own belongings.

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62 per cent (approximate) is pork and beef cuts, etc., cured and in process of curing. It takes 30 to 90 days in pickle or salt to complete the curing process.

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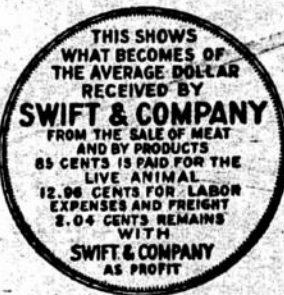
7 per cent is lard. This is a normal supply and only four-fifths of a pound per capita, and much of it will have to go to supply European needs.

19 per cent is frozen beef and lamb, and miscellaneous meats, part of which is owned by the Government and was intended chiefly for over-seas shipment. If this were all diverted to domestic trade channels it would be only 2½ lbs. per capita—a 5 days' supply.

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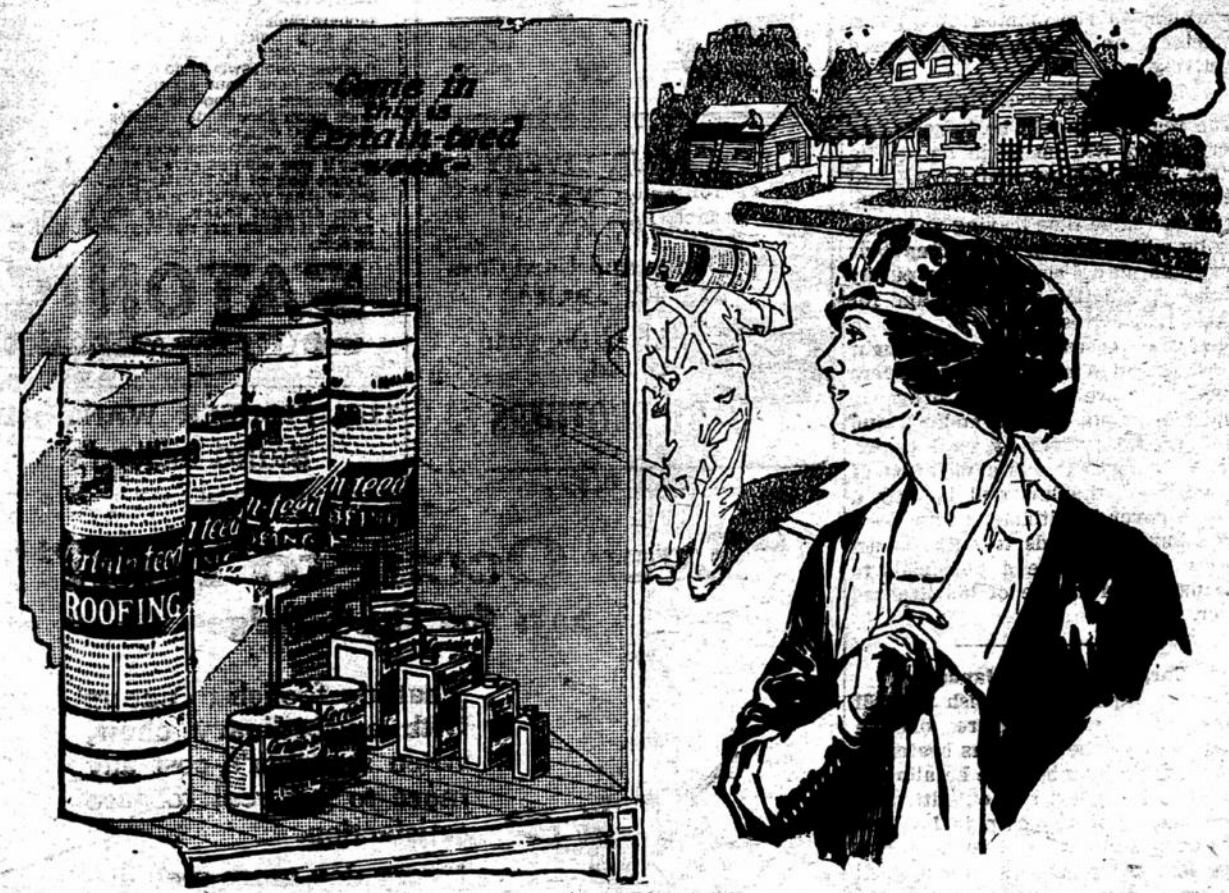
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