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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Feeding the World Calls For Quantity.

"Feeding the world" is usually spoken of as if it were a tremendous philanthropy in which the nation has engaged as an unpleasant but necessary part of its war burden.

As a matter of fact, there is nothing really artificial or abnormal about this movement of food to Europe except the unusual quantity of it.

It is true that the United States government made special arrangements for distributing the exported foodstuffs. But that does not mean that the government is deliberately, in behalf of the nation, taking and distributing food that would otherwise be left here at home to flood the American market and lower prices.

Not only is there no real philanthropy in this export trade, but there is more actual benefit to it than most people realize. Those high prices paid abroad mean prosperity for American producers, who are the most numerous class in this country, and also prosperity for millions of other Americans engaged directly or indirectly in the food trade.

A System That Would Be Fair.

It was very funny, in an old Italian play, when a miser swore that he would buy no more eggs unless they were too large to get through a certain ring that he established as a standard. But that miser had the right hunch. There are little stewards in this country now that use a similar test, rejecting all eggs that will not pass through a ring an inch

For Burning Eczema

Greasy, swollen and oozing eczema that has applied to you clear skin is yours. From any drug store for 35c or \$1.00 for extra large size, get a bottle of Zeno. When applied as directed it effectively cures eczema, quickly stops itching and heals skin troubles, also sores, burns, wounds and chafing. It penetrates, cleanses and soothes. Zeno is a clean, dependable and inexpensive, penetrating, antiseptic liquid. Try it, as we believe nothing you have ever used is as effective and satisfying.

Boles of Clothes for Balkan Relief

This too, however, is not perfect since it concerns form rather than substance—a long egg may pass through the ring while a short egg that is really of the same volume will not. The only dependable standard, according to experts is weight, and there is a growing demand that eggs shall be sold by weight as most other kinds of food are, instead of by the dozen. This was the practice in the early mining days in California.

The absurdity of the present system is obvious. There is an informal sort of agreement that an egg ought to weigh two ounces, thus running a pound and a half to the dozen; but this rule has no binding force, and is seldom observed in practice. One egg may weigh an ounce and a half and another two ounces and a half, and yet both are sold at so much a dozen, as if the number were the main thing.

As a writer suggests in a current magazine, a butcher might as well sell chops at so much apiece regardless of size.

The size of an egg varies, according to the breed of the hen, according to the individual hen's age, according to the feeding, the time of year and the freshness or staleness of the egg. In "selected eggs" there may be a rough attempt at giving definite value for a definite price, but it does look as if the only really fair method is to sell them by the pound.

A Place For Missionary Work.

It is not wise to belittle the efforts that are being made to do missionary work in foreign lands. And this effort by no means need be restricted to the Great Cause. There is just as much need for some foreign propaganda on the lines of general intelligence.

As an instance may be cited the astounding display of ignorance in regard to the intention of America toward Brazil, as noted in the Observer's dispatches a few days ago. One towering genius, Maderios Albuquerque, represented as an influential journalist of Brazil, after a visit to the United States, publishes a bit of local misinformation to the effect that this country is about to annex Brazil as a colony.

Is it possible that a country which can boast such benighted ignorance could send representatives to the peace congress where the topic of "self-determination" was one of the great principles set forth?

The prominent and influential Brazilian knows better, and if he doesn't, it is time to begin the spreading of the gospel of common sense to the "health" press representative at Rio de Janeiro.

If this Brazilian newspaper man believes what he says, it is evidence that the only element with which he came in contact in America was in the secret meetings of the Bolsheviks. He never could have had such a monstrous bit of misinformation from any decent and reliable source.

PALACE CONFECTIONERY

We serve you here with the best, and we are pleased to be able to say that we are getting best trade in the city in the several departments of our store. These last reasons our service is so highly satisfactory to our patrons is that we make our own ice cream and black our personal knowledge and skill in the preparation of every dish sold over our counters.

The candies we carry are always fresh and we carry the largest stock in town. There is no part of the confectionery business in which we are not prepared to give you service that will please you.

Please take note of the prices we quote on the goods which are subject to the new tax: Milk shakes, 12c. (war tax 2c) Stuffed Milk, 11c. (war tax 2c) Plain Sundaes, 12c. (war tax 2c) Ice cream cones, 5c.

CAIN & CARTHER, MAY 15-17.

At The Movies



Bales of cotton and wool—in a new form are going to Europe daily now. It is that old shirt, pair of pants, or kiddie dress that you gave to Red Cross for relief of men, women and children of Poland, Belgium, Italy and Serbia. The clothes are thrown into a sizer at the pier in Brooklyn and baled for shipment. Three hundred thousand pounds were shipped last week.

At The Movies

and when to gather the film he has assembled in "Cannibals of the South Seas." He went everywhere in the south seas that there was a chance for "different" pictures. He sought strange types of humanity regardless of the hazard he encountered, and he penetrated many wild jungles in the face of governmental warnings that to visit them was suicidal.

Throughout his trip, his wife Osa was at his side. She insisted upon accompanying him wherever he went, into the midst of savage lands with only savage guides.

"Cannibals of the South Seas" is a picture of another world, unadorned reproductions of life among the savages of the South Pacific ocean. Johnston's camera has brought back even more vividly than Jack London's pen, the story of these strange people.

World's rights to the Johnston pictures have been acquired by Robertson-Gale and they are being distributed by Exhibitors' Mutual exchange.

"MAN IN THE OPEN" WILL BE AT ARCADE THEATRE

Ever a popular favorite on stage and screen, Dustin Farnum is enjoying the good fortune, according to general report, of being provided in his latest screen superperformance with what is proving to be the strongest and most attractive role of his career.

This offering under the management of United Picture Theatres, Inc., is closely based in story on the thrilling novel written by Roger Posock and dealing with the adventures of a son of Maine, who, shipwrecked on an ocean voyage, falls into the hands of the sturdy and great-hearted men of the

DISK THEIR LIVES TO FILM CANNIBALS

Martin Johnson, explorer, adventurer, and pal of Jack London, has converted his motion pictures of his sensational journeys among savage races into a five-reel feature, "Cannibals of the South Seas."

Perhaps an adventurer except London has ever risked his life more times in the search for interesting and unusual material than Martin Johnson who carried a camera to record his travels.

Johnson traveled eighteen thou-

northwest. Fate, however, plays a sly trick on the tenderfoot in permitting him to fall a victim to the wiles of an adventuress who he gullied him into marriage simply to win a wager she has made. Disillusionment follows for this man of the sea and land, and he betakes himself to the virgin woods to lead the life of a Man in the Open. His stirring adventures in the North Western wilds form the main thread of the story, in which soon—and this time, woe-souled girl, figures and lends fascinating heart interest to the plot. The action of "A Man in the Open" is said to be swift and punctuated by periods of gripping suspense, with a startling denouement to close the story.

The latest Farnum play is credited with a strong supporting cast, not the least of its features being some wonderful photography of forest, mountain and night scenes. "A Man in the Open" will be seen at the Arcade today and tomorrow.

DECORATION DAY FLOWERS

Peonies, gladioli, statice and other flowers, carnations is limited numbers. Now taking orders. First come, first served. Never enough flowers to go around. If you wait until last day you will be too late. DO IT NOW. All flowers uncalled for by 9 o'clock Thursday evening, will be sold. Plants for porch boxes, hanging baskets and planting out are ready now. Come to the Greenhouse while the assortment is complete. They won't last long. 5-12th CHERRY, Florist.

PIANO TUNING

Mr. Daley, expert piano tuner, will be in town for a couple of days. Leave orders with Mrs. R. J. Kitchen. Phone Red 561. 5-15-19

THROWING CANS AND OTHER REFUSE IN STREETS AND ALLEYS NOT ALLOWED—PENALTY, FINE AND IMPRISONMENT.

The practice of throwing tin cans and other refuse in the streets and alleys in some parts of the city has become so common and allowed to continue so long that citizens in those sections seem to think the public highways are intended solely for such purpose, particularly the alleys. This practice has become so common that I am obliged to remind citizens there is an ordinance forbidding it and a heavy penalty for violations. The ordinance reads in part as follows: "The placing of goods, wares and merchandise, chattels, rubbish, wood, lumber, or any other like or similar article composed of iron or wood in any of the streets or alleys, or suffering the same to be placed or remain there is hereby declared to be a nuisance. Any person who shall commit a nuisance as defined in this ordinance, upon conviction before the Recorder of the city, shall be punished by a fine and in default of the payment thereof shall be confined in the city jail for the period of one day for every two dollars of said fine." The streets and alleys of the city are intended for traffic purposes and to facilitate access to property and not for dump and storage grounds. Therefore, to abate this nuisance, prevent unsanitary conditions and improve the appearance of our city, the Street Superintendent and the Chief of Police have been instructed to see that this ordinance is observed and to report all violations of same.

JOHN COLLIER, City Manager.

Dainty New Voile Dresses
Have you seen any quite so fascinating as these we are showing? No doubt you have not, as they are altogether new. To buy dresses without seeing these first or last, will be an ill-advised move, and possibly a source of later regret.
But why tell you all about them now? We want you to see them. Our apparel department tells the tale so much more interestingly and convincingly.
SEE OUR WINDOWS.

Don't Forget About Our Shoe Sale.
It's on in full blast now and the longer you wait, the harder it will be to find your size. Saturday took dozens of pairs out of the store—Men's and Ladies'. Get yours today. Ladies' Pumps, many good styles, only broken sizes; we have sizes in all kinds, from 2 1/2 to 6 1/2; Also Children's Mary Janes, from size 2 1/2 up, all for \$1.98. Men's Kid and Cat Shoes, lace or button, English and straight lasts, all sizes; some tan and brown English. Price \$3.50. Men's Patent Leather, Tilt shoes, all sizes, \$5.00.
This is the Season for Smart Skirts
There is an irresistible charm—a certain attractiveness that makes these skirts exceptionally good; not only are the materials the newest, but the colors and styles represented are truly artistic. The fabrics are Shark Satin, Kumi Kumi, Tricolette, Sailin, Taffeta and many Wool fabrics, as well as the wash skirts of White Corded materials. — We would be glad to show you these.
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