

# "GRAFTING" FOOD GERMAN WAR VICE

### Conditions as They Are Today in Households of Germany Clearly Set Forth.

## PRICES MOUNT RAPIDLY

### War Industries and Municipalities Involved in Battle Royal for Prize of Nation's Small Surplus Food Stocks.

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STOCKHOLM, Feb. 25.—Food pressure has had a humanizing effect on the Germans. It has made them, in rapidly increasing numbers, less law-abiding, more prone to wink at authority—and many an honest German has become a great master in the gentle art of grafting.

"Schleichhandel," or clandestine traffic in food, like "Erzatz," of substitutes for food, has become a household word. This traffic is still spreading like a cancer, all official surgical efforts to root it out being ineffectual, and, second only to the loss of crops, a catastrophic crop failure, it constitutes the gravest menace to the food supply of the German people. Growing from modest beginnings, it has become not only the national war vice, but a recognized profession and system.

The term of the present vicious "system" has been traced to the state arsenal and ammunition works at Spandau, near Berlin, where the military management, in order to check an incipient "scrap" strike, had piled up large quantities of foodstuffs and distributed them. The all-powerful war industries, with millions of professional grafters, followed the example, and by hook or crook got food to sell to their workers regardless of maximum prices.

The next step was the keen competition between the war industries to hold their workers and get fresh labor by making food conditions increasingly attractive. Krupp and the other big fellows have their food directors, their food warehouses and hundreds of agents scouring Germany to snap up foodstuffs at fancy prices. The authorities, aware of what is going on, are helpless; the military authorities, in fact, tacitly approving.

Cities Forced to Compete.

This keen competition has driven prices to three, four and 10 times the legal maximum and opened up dazzling prospects to farmers and dealers. It has caused the war industries to snap up foodstuffs in quantities so great that no expert has the nerve to estimate them from the scantily fed public into the mass of the war industries.

But the evil has not ended here. The comparative luxury among workers of the powerful industries has aroused jealousy in the weaker industries, which cannot compete in illicit buying. Milder classification and labor unrest has resulted in less favored industrial centers. In the factory sections of the large cities.

Again, the system has occasioned such food shortages in the cities that municipalities have had to argue the law and compete with the war industries for the floating supply of illicit foodstuffs, completing the vicious circle.

In the fierce suburban struggle for existence war industries and municipalities are involved in a battle royal for the prize of Germany's small surplus food stocks, and as prices rise graft and law-breaking are stimulated on the part of producers and profiteers, and the diversion of food from the masses increases alarmingly.

The illicit traffic includes everything valuable, and there are many ways of circumventing the law. The breadstuffs traffic is limited to such quantities of wheat and rye as the scarians and wheat growers are allowed to give up to the state, which confiscates all breadstuffs at the source—or to the reserves for seedling. Herein lies an additional danger to the nation's food supply, for large quantities of seed wheat and rye are sold through the "Schleichhandel." Profiteers have been known to offer seed wheat at from \$25 to \$50 per hundredweight.

Penalty Cheerfully Paid.

In potatoes the war industries have been able to cover their requirements, not only by high prices, but, in many cases, by offering the potato crop for fertilizers. Exorbitant prices have induced producers to withhold deliveries of fresh and winter vegetables on their less profitable contracts at legal maximum prices with municipalities, cheerfully pocketing the 5 per cent legal penalization and leaving the cities stranded of vegetables.

The war industries pay up to \$1 a pound for meat procured from the wholesale cattle dealers' associations, which have been entrusted with the monopoly of the livestock business, circumventing the maximum prices by procuring, extra commissions, expenses and other subterfuges. Municipalities have been drawn into the vicious circle, while there is a flourishing illicit traffic in butter at prices ranging from 22 to 44 a pound. Oats have been known to change hands at 100 per cent above the legal price, while for feed the general there is an active illegal market, stimulated by the competition of private livestock owners.

Municipalities and industries that keep within the law, however, are at the mercy of the law violators, who run the danger of seeing their populations more poorly fed than those of the law violators, with resultant discontent and popular unrest.

The more sensational wholesale food law violations, however, are overshadowed in ominousness by the daily millions of petty individual infractions and violations, which in the aggregate constitute an immense drain on Germany's closely rationed supplies and one serious, almost irreparable, cause of shortage. Procuring forbidden food has become a national habit. At least half of the German people do not restrict themselves to their legal rations.

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- 1-lb. pkg. Arm and Hammer Soda.....5c
- 1 lb. bulk Sweet Chocolate.....20c
- 2 cans Otter Peaches.....25c
- 2 cans Otter Apricots.....25c
- Purity Olive Oil.....50c, 50c and 90c
- Mazola Oil.....35c, 65c, \$1.25, \$2.40
- 1 lb. Walnuts.....20c
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- 1 lb. Hershey's Cocoa.....15c
- 1 lb. Bishop's Cocoa.....25c
- 1 lb. G. B. F. Star Chocolate.....25c
- 1 lb. Cluster Raisins.....10c

### Eggs! Eggs!

2 doz. strictly fresh Ranch Eggs.....75c

### Butter

Homestead (best creamer) butter.....\$1.05

Oleomargarine, 65c and 70c

### Breakfast Foods

- 1 pkg. Puffed Wheat.....15c
- 1 pkg. Puffed Rice.....15c
- 1 pkg. Creamettes.....10c
- 2 pkgs. Kellogg's Bran Flakes.....25c
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President Wilson's proposals to assist Russia to continue the war. In reply the commissioners merely sent a copy of the cablegrams dispatched to Mr. Wilson by the Moscow conference.

### WOMEN TO GET OUT PAPER

April 17 Issue of Oregon City Enterprise Will Be Unique.

OREGON CITY, March 29.—Much encouragement is reported by the young women of this city who are to issue the Morning Enterprise on April 17 and use the proceeds from advertising and the sale of papers for the benefit of the boys in France. The plan is to send the boys a supply of smokes, chocolate and gum.

Many prominent men and women are to write articles for the edition, among them Governor Withcombe, Mrs. Eva Emery Dye and Mrs. H. B. Cardigan.

The staff is to be composed of Miss Nan Cochran, Miss C. Barclay Pratt, Miss Kathryn Kinnott, Miss Dolly Pratt, Miss Ethel Frost and Max Hinchman. Advertising is coming in rapidly and the people who have been asked to furnish articles are contributing generously to make this one of the finest editions of the Morning Enterprise ever published. It will be a patriotic edition.

The women in charge are working overtime and expect to work all night previous to the appearance of the paper.

Already many orders have come in for the edition. The boys in France are to be remembered with the first paper in Oregon City ever gotten out by its women.

### Savings Societies Organized.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—Edgar Reed, manager of the Centralia district in Lewis County's war savings campaign, yesterday organized war savings societies among the employees of the several camps of

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### WOODBURN GRABS BURGLAR

### Otto Barkk Tries to Escape Officials and Drops \$10 Note.

WOODBURN, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Otto Barkk, aged 34, waited examination before Justice Hays yesterday on the charge of burglary and was taken to Salem by Marshal Olson to await the action of the grand jury, not being able to furnish the \$500 bond asked. Barkk was caught at midnight Thursday night issuing from the high school building, and started running when ordered to stop. Councilman H. L. Moore and Marshal Kelsey both fired at

him when he decided to hold up his hands, at the same time dropping a \$10 note that he had stolen from the superintendent's desk.

A submerged oak forest covering several square miles, from which logs more than 100 feet in length have been taken, was discovered by Russian engineers in dredging a river.

picked up Aage Schumann, who escaped from the asylum yesterday, having been sent to that institution January 3.

The public library was broken into the same night and it is supposed he was the man and was after money which he failed to get. In looking for a supposed confederate the officers

# WHAT IF they are "Scratched"

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1 lb. Grand Special Coffee...25c  
1 lb. Old Homestead Coffee...30c  
1 lb. Gilt Edge Coffee...25c  
3 lbs. ....\$1.00

### Coffee Substitutes

Instant Postum...25c and 50c  
1 pkg. Postum Cereal...20c  
1 pkg. Fig Prune Cereal...20c  
Washington's Prepared Coffee...30c and 60c  
1 pkg. Knapp Malt Coffee Substitute...20c  
Cottolene 55c, \$1.10, \$2.50

### Cheese

1 lb. Full Cream Cheese...30c  
1 lb. Cream Brick Cheese...40c  
1 lb. Wisconsin Swiss Cheese...45c  
1 brick Limburger...40c

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