sponsible Rather Than Any Marked Scarcity in General Supply.

Berlin, Nov. 27 .- (I. N. S.) -"The farmers are trying to starve Germany!" Buch is the cry which has been heard from one end of the empire to the other this autumn. The farmers, big and little, are accused of minting the hunger of the people,

White the small landowners and the middle class farmers of Bavaria and the south come in for their share of outery is against the aristocratic "Junkers." These are the most powerful force in Germany.

ty, which is said by many to have members are proud, tenacious of their rights (which are extensive), is in-tensely militaristic and imperialistic Junkers Severely Criticized.

These great landowners are blame for the great rise of food prices which has brought about the two "meatless days," the "porkless days," and two the virtual government monopolies of most of the necessaries of life. It is hoped that the new regulations and the local maximum prices of foods will able January 1st. discomfit the greedy farmers.

There is no doubt that the English blockade has created serious hardships in Germany. Many things that were ot considered luxuries before the war, such as coffee, tea, etc., can now only be obtained by the wealthiest classes and even tobacco is beginning to get scarce. The meat prices have become prohibitive for the working people and outter, lard and other fats are even higher than meat.

Minor food riots have occurred in many citles and towns. They were not caused by an actual shortage of food, but by the greed of the farmers and wholesale and retail dealers. Germany Is Not Hungry. The German nation is not threatened

by starvation and could easily live through the winter and next summer, even if the road to the granaries on the Bosporus and the cattle and sheep markets of Turkey had not been

The executive committee of the so cial democratic party in its recent manifesto emphatically states that the empire has more than foodstuffs enough and that the high prices are only caused by the usurious methods of the agricultural interests and the

That this charge is well founded is proved by the fact that pork fell 40 pfennigs a pound as soon as the federal council issued its new regulations, For the high prices which are now causing serious dissatisfaction and almost a crisis the government, notwithstanding its boasted efficiency, is more to blame than anything else. Inof confiscating and distributing all foods in the same manner as grain and flour was treated last winter the agrarians and the speculators have been permitted to have their own way and to drive the price up higher from

week to week. Why Pork Is Scarce.

The scarcity of pork was originally caused by the government, which a year ago, when it seemed doubtful whether the grain and fodder stocks would be sufficient until the next harvest, advised the farmers to kill most of their hogs and to salt or smoke the meat. This was done, but the authorities, instead of confiscating the meat supply, permitted the agrarians and speculators to corner it and to make millions by creating an artificial want. In the same manner lard and butter were kept from the market until they brought four and five times their former prices.

The socialistic newspapers, and also the liberal press, protested against this extortion as early as last winter, but the government did not see fit to act, as it did not want to offend the agrarians whose political power is probably greater than that of all other parties.

Since the harvest began in July, millions of hogs have been raised, as there is an abundant supply of potatoes, but still the pork prices kept on rising and the government did not attempt to act until it was compelled to do so by the threatening attitude of the socialists, progressives and liberals. Beef Supply Dwindles.

Beef became somewhat scarce because many of the smaller farmers were forced to reduce their livestock for lack of fodder. This fact was also used by the aristocratic and other large landowners to make large extra profits. They kept their cattle until its value rose to figures never dreamed

The "Muenchener Neueste' Nachrichten" recently stated that the large Buvarian farmers are enoying greater prosperity since the war began than ever before in the history of the king-dom. The extra profits made by them by keeping their hogs, cattle, butter, eggs and milk products from the martets until they received the highest possible prices are enormous,

Statistics published by the "Vorwaerts," the central organ of the social democracy, prove that the same methods were used even more ruthlessly by the agrarians of Prussia, Mecklenburg and most of the other states. Everywhere the large farmers reaped a golden harvest, while the working classes suffered and their condition became more and more unbear-

The government now seems to realize that the greed of the agrarians and speculators has to be checked by drastie measures once for all, and that the confiscation and equal distribution of all foods at minimum prices must be resorted to, even if it hurts the mighty "Junkers."

Applicants to Be Interviewed. No choice of a superintendent of ne reorganized municipal free employment bureau was reached at a meeting of the city advisory employment committee yesterday afternoon with George L. Baker, commissioner of public affairs. The committee met applicants for the position and afterwards discussed their qualifications. A meeting was called for Monday at 3 o'clock further to interview applicants. A decision is to be reached fore Wednesday.



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