

NEXT YEAR AND 1918 BUSINESS OF COUNTRY WILL BREAK RECORDS

Commercial Broker Says End of War Would Not Affect U. S. Trade in Europe.

PEOPLE NEED FOODSTUFFS

A. E. Rodway of New York Sees No Immediate Prospect of Reduction of High Prices.

The coming year and the following—1917 and 1918—will be the greatest business years in the nation's history, even if the war should come to an end tomorrow. In the opinion of A. E. Rodway, one of the leading merchandise brokers and manufacturers' representatives of New York, who is at Hotel Portland.

The past year has been a record-breaking period for business, despite the fact that the streets of New York are not flowing with money as some persons seem to believe. Mr. Rodway said, "but the next two years will be even greater."

Europe Needs American Products.

"I don't care if the war comes to an end tomorrow, the demand for our products in Europe will continue. The war-stricken countries of that continent will be too busy with the work of rehabilitation to produce but a fraction of the commodities they will need, and especially will this hold true of foodstuffs."

Mr. Rodway has been away from New York for the past two months on a buying trip, visiting some 20 cities, and in that period he has purchased nearly \$1,000,000 worth of food commodities to supply the eastern demand. Of this quantity hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of supplies have been purchased on the Pacific coast.

In Oregon and Washington he is contracting for salmon and condensed milk, largely for the export trade. The other day in California he purchased barley, ripe olives, milk and other California staples.

"There is a keen European demand for condensed milk," said Mr. Rodway, "large quantities of it going to the Belgians. I mean the people of Belgium, not the soldiers. The boys in the trenches live largely off beef tea but the babies of Belgium must have milk."

Supply and Demand Rule Prices.

"These prices are largely governed by the law of supply and demand," he said. "As long as this great demand continues in Europe prices will be high. An embargo might prove in a measure effective but I do not look for embargoes on our principal export commodities. The farmers of the country will demand as their right to be able to sell their wheat and other products at the highest price obtainable."

Mr. Rodway is the New York representative of the Carnation Milk Products company, United Cereals Mills, Ltd., Fruit company, Purdy's fruits; Hawaiian Pineapple company, Cluquot Club company, Schuehle's Pure Grape Juice company, Towle Maple Products company, the Walter M. Lowrey company, Purity Oats company, and the Burt Olney Canning company. He is president of the American Specialty Manufacturers' association. Mrs. Rodway accompanies him.

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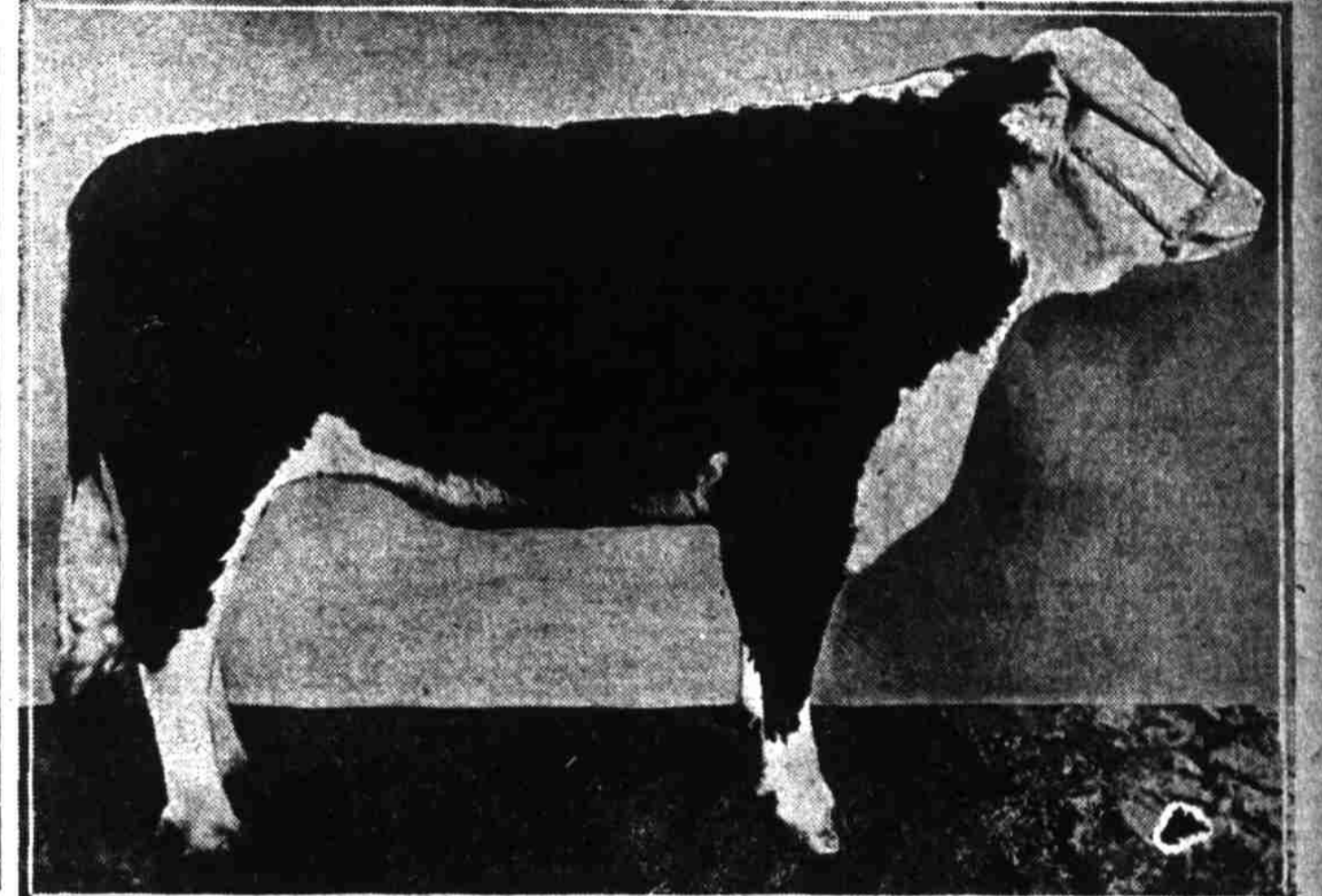
Four Miners Killed When Earth Caves In

Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Clarence Ricks, James Hamilton, Arthur Trelou and one other, all miners, were killed in a cave-in in the Blockhouse zinc and lead mine, four miles south of Plattville, Wis., yesterday afternoon. The men were about ready to put off their shots and quit work for the day when the cave-in came. The bodies were recovered.

British Craft Sunk; Officers Are Held

London, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The British steamer Flimston has been sunk by a submarine, says a dispatch received here yesterday. Her captain and first engineer were taken prisoners. The crew was rescued. The vessel, of 3492 tons, sailed from Buenos Aires November 18 for London.

Prize Beef Cattle Displayed by Bay City Market



Blue Ribbon Yearling Hereford, raised by University of Idaho, bought by Paul E. Spath. Spirited bidding for the prize cattle was a feature of this year's International stock show, just closed at the Portland yards. Among the lucky buyers was Paul E. Spath, proprietor of the Bay City market. Following his custom of securing the best beef cattle for his shop, he bid up and bought two of the prize 2-year-olds and the Blue Ribbon Long Yearling Hereford raised by the University of Idaho. This yearling, awarded first prize, weighed 1330 pounds on the hoof, and was bid in at 22 cents the pound, live weight. These prize beef cattle, artistically dressed, are now on display at Spath's Bay City market, southwest corner Fourth and Yamhill, Idaho. They are to be specially prepared for the New Year trade.

Practical Christmas Gifts

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- Handsome Suits
- Practical Coats
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