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Fomentation of European conditions is still further augmented by disruption of peaceful relations between the "sick man," Turkey, so called, and the Italian government. Turkey has seized an Italian liner while both nations are making rapid preparations for war.

Europe has possession of the public stage just now and is acquiring quite a monopoly on public attention. As fast as one imbroglio is partially cleared away another intrudes to keep up the disturbance, so that the mind turns from the latest report to enquire, what next?

The modern man of war is certainly a peach when considered as a destructive piece of machinery. In time of war it deals out death and destruction to an enemy and in time of peace explodes and annihilates its crew. The battleship Liberte of France, blew up and sank at Toulon. Death list reported is five hundred.

Mount Etna on the Island of Messina has been in eruption dealing out distress and disaster to the inhabitants of the island, but its disturbance is only on a par with that of the nations of Europe which prognosticates anything but a peace congress. Great Britain has just passed through a disastrous strike; high living has caused bread riots in Vienna, Russia has had its prime minister assassinated; the deposed king of Portugal is plotting to recover his throne. Spain is verging upon revolution being put under material law, and the Moroccan trouble is still unsettled between the German and French powers.

Money is the life-blood of a nation, especially so in these days when the Baiter of Peace is some-times perched upon a bag of gold. Had some wiseacre approached the Kaiser a few weeks ago and told him he would have to bow in submission to French financiers and settle the Moroccan affairs according to the dictation of French statesmen he would hardly have believed such statement, but it happens that French bankers hold German securities to the amount of three hundred million marks which are now due, and because of the debt are able to dictate the terms of settlement of the Moroccan trouble. Thus we see money has more power than the Kaiser. Germany whipped France a few years ago but the tables are turned.

Judge Rosalsky, of New York, throws a light on the cost of high living in his summing up of a case before him. He said, taking a chicken as an illustration, that it had to pay six profits after it left the farm and until

it got into the hands of the consumer. First came the shipper who made a fat profit; then the jobber got five per cent; next was a receiver, and after him a slaughter-house man. The sixth profit was made by the retailer with whom the customer dealt. The Judge expressed no wonder that the poor were getting poorer when so many gobetweens were fastened on them. —National Tribune.

Some Reasons for High Living.

The Portland Telegram is authority for the following description of the methods by which high prices for food products are maintained. It can hardly be classed as pleasant reading matter but the public should know how prices are kept up by unscrupulous dealers:

The commission men guard against a glutted market by hauling out the fruit and produce in their own wagons. This fact also becomes part of the record. Anyone can read it who cares to go out to the garbage crematory. But so far as these items of burned fruit and produce are concerned, Mr. Consumer, you do not need to go out there. The Telegram submits them to you just as they appear on the record.

September 8, Pacific Fruit and Produce Company, melons, 7570 pounds.

September 12, Pearson Page Company, oranges, 9200 pounds.

September 15, Pacific Fruit and produce Company, melons, 7570 pounds.

Same day, same company, more melons, 6250 pounds.

September 15, Pearson Page Company, melons, 2330 pounds.

Same date, same company, more melons, 5730 pounds.

September 23, Bell & Company, melons, 4470 pounds.

Incidental to all this, five tons of string beans.

We may naturally expect all manner of excuses and explanations from the commission men for this wholesale burning of food; but the only explanation that explains is the combined and well-enforced policy of keeping up the price.

String beans, for example, must be sold at wholesale at six to seven cents a pound, or to the city garbage furnace with them. And so of melons, and so of tomatoes, and so of all manner of fruit and produce for which the commission pays fancy prices.

Tomatoes must bring three to four dollars a case or to the store room with them until they are fit for the garbage furnace. In the matter of string beans people who have been ask to pay 8 cents a pound for them have been told that the dry season shortened the supply, and the high price was only a compulsory market condition—"just a matter of supply and demand"—yet an aggregate consignment of five tons to the crematory helped wonderfully to regulate "supply and demand" in the commission man's favor.

Most of the fruit and the produce was unfit for use when it was taken to the garbage crematory. Of course it was. But it would not have spoiled if greed had not prevented its being put on the market and offered at going prices, as it would have been if we had a public markethouse in this city. Some of it, indeed a great deal of it, was not spoiled when it reached the crematory. Cantaloupes were taken out there in crates that had never been

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