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CHEAPER BREAD

One of the members of the Oregon State Defense Council has requested the public service commission to regulate the size of the loaves of bread which are offered to the consumers.

The above suggestion is a step in the right direction but it does not go far enough. There must be some limitation placed upon the arbitrary prices which are being asked for all necessities of life and such regulation must be made by the federal government.

Here is a typical instance of arbitrary prices which have been boosted skyward by the food gamblers. Bread sells in Detroit, Michigan, for 13 cents per loaf while a loaf of the same size is sold in Windsor for 9 cents.

Windsor is, in fact, a suburb of Detroit. The cost of production is greater in Detroit than in Windsor, but Windsor is in the province of Ontario, Canada and the prices asked in that place for the necessities of life are under the Food Control Law which is in operation in every section of the Dominion of Canada. In Detroit and in every other American city no restrictions have been made to prevent speculation in food products and the cost of living is steadily climbing toward the stars.

What is Congress going to do about it? President Wilson has urged immediate action. Director Hoover has pleaded with the members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives for a speedy passage of the bill now pending and the independent press of the country is clamoring for legislation.

Senators Gore and Joe Cannon have made common cause and appear as the champions of free and unlimited speculation in food. They are the self appointed attorneys of greed and are demanding license when the nation is demanding regulation.

Senators and Representatives who expect to go back no longer afford to mark time. The Nation demands constructive statesmanship and will measure the work of its representatives in Washington by the cold blooded yardstick of results.

TRENCH TALES

A lightly wounded South African gave an account of doings with German snipers concealed in a woods. "We went up as a fatigue party to do a bit of cleaning up and re-dig some of the old dug-outs in a bit of wood," he said, "Our front firing line position was only about 300 yards further on, and beyond a bit of odd artillery work and some musketry there wasn't much doing. We had been warned to look out for German snipers behind the line, and sure enough there were half a dozen in the wood we went to. They had lain low when the place was first searched or else had crept in during the night. I came around a bit of mound right on to one just as he fired at one of our fellows, and we had him over before he could work off another round on us. Then we started a little battle all our own, and for half an hour we were shooting all over the place in the woods. Two of them surrendered, and we found one wounded and pretty near dead, the other four were killed off. It was quite a good bit of fun—much better than the digging fatigue which was what we went in there for."

Archie Mosler returned to Clackamas this morning after visiting his parents here for a few days.

MARKET REPORT

The prices given in the local quotations are those asked by the wholesaler from the retailer for fruit and vegetables. All other prices are those paid the producer. List corrected daily.

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The modern battleship is probably the most complete and complex machine man has ever produced, and though the picturesque features which surrounded the wooden man-of-war of years ago have gone, their place has been taken by features a thousand times more interesting and inspiring.

The modern battleship is the last word in a cold, brutal fighting machine that is also a home for a thousand men—a machine that fairly radiates personality and gives itself both a workshop and a self supporting community, able not only to clothe and feed, teach, employ and amuse those who live in it, but also to supply virtually everything that the average man's comfort or interest demands.

Probably, too, there is no more complete and startling proof of the value of rigid discipline, drill and co-operation for maintaining not only efficiency, but also safety, than that given on a battleship.

Responsibility rests on the shoulders of every man on board, and vital responsibility rests on the shoulders of many hundreds among the thousand.

That is why practical, not theoretical, training is necessary, why the maneuvers at Guantanamo are the most valuable side of naval life, why laziness is not tolerated. Too many million dollars' worth of property and too many hundreds of lives are at stake to permit of inefficiency or carelessness.

With such a complexity of duties in mind as fall to every man from common seaman to captain, one may readily understand why the government wants only its best and most intelligent among the young men of the country in its navy.

At the top, with full command and responsibility, stands the captain, the administrator. He is perhaps as near an absolute monarch when at sea as the civilized world offers.

After the captain comes the executive officer, on whose shoulders his chief places responsibility for maintaining the general and military efficiency of the ship. He is the captain's representative, and to him every question is referred. The heads of departments and all officers and men are under his direct orders.

Under the executive officer, who may have one of several ranks, but on the larger ships is likely to be a lieutenant commander, comes the first lieutenant. To him are delegated the care and order of the vessel. In short, he is "the housekeeper."

Then, day and night, some officer must be in temporary and full charge of the deck. His headquarters are on the bridge. He is known as the officer of the deck. On these officers rests the main executive control.

At the heads of the various departments are the medical and pay officers, the officer in command of the marines, or "sea soldiers," the chief engineer, who has charge of the motive machinery and lighting and heating plants; the navigator, the gunnery or ordnance officer, who is responsible for the real work for which the ship is built—that of destruction—and the chaplain. These men, with their direct subordinates, down to the younger ensigns, form what is called the ward-room mess.

The captain, however, dines alone. Other messes, or "families," dining together are those formed by the junior, the warrant and the petty officers.

Divided up among the various departments of the ship are the warrant officers and the petty officers of many classes and grades. The boatswain and his mates, acting under the executive officer and lieutenant, have charge of the decks, anchors and cables. They summon the crew to its duties by whistle and pass on all orders to the men. They are the experts in seamanship.

The gunners and their mates have charge of the ship's ordnance and electrical equipment, under the ordnance officer or his division officers.

The carpenters and their mates have as their duty the maintenance, in good condition, of the ship. The quartermaster and his assistants come under the navigator and see to the carrying out of all orders which have to do with navigation. The masters at arms act as ship police. The yeomen form the clerical force in the different departments. Coxswains act as boat crew commanders.—Richard Smith in Leslie's Weekly.

An Arizona City of Distances. Mesa (Ariz.) streets are eighty feet wide, and every block comprises ten acres. A residence building site there averages about an acre. When you ask an address in Mesa and the obliging inhabitant directs you to walk six blocks it doesn't sound far, but you realize the distance before you arrive. Mesa was laid out by Mormons, who favored unusually wide streets for attractiveness and who made the ten acre blocks in order that every family might be more or less self sustaining in time of Indian raids, when the family garden might be the only source of food.—El Paso Herald.

Painbood may have its hour, but it has not the fut ire.—Du Pressenda.

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