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#### FOOD ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED

From an article in the current number of Collier's by Harris Dixon, on the need of a federal food administrator of the caliber of Herbert C. Hoover, we make the following extract:

"Pickpocket prices and terriffic overcharges for bread will engage Mr. Hoover's earnest and impolite attention. At first he may try moral suasion-may attempt to argue with schemers commodity in their lives, yet are now holding ten thousand cases rice, squeezing their profits from the helplessness of hunger. Where Mr. Hoover fails to conmeans to cut him out, eliminate him, soak him good, lock him up.

Consider the price of bread: Last year the farmer sold his wheat at an average of \$1.50 a -which is at the rate of \$20 a barrel for flour.

The European formula for the ratio of bread to flour is that the as the price of flour. The baker water, yeast, etc., out of which commenced.' 30 per cent he is supposed to pay his expenses and make a profit. Bread at 10 cents should represent flour at \$20 a barrel, and twenty-dollar flour means nearly \$4.25 a bushel for wheat. But the farmer got only \$1.50. Be- ton tween the wheat maker and the bread eater there yawns a mysterious margin of \$2.75-excess baggage of nearly double the original price of wheat. Where did that go? Who was it that ments, including training in the Practice got nearly twice as much for doing nothing as the farmer got ing Commical Engineering; for raising the wheat? I don't

past two months our bread has been 100 per cent higher than it would have been if the trades were under reasonable control, eliminating speculation and the unholy rake-off of middlemen. Practically the entire wheat supply of Belgium is imported from the United States. Yet, in spite of the extraordinary cost and risk of transportation, the price of bread in Belgium is 60 per cent of the price in New York FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1917. City. A large proportion of the wheat in France comes from this country, yet the price of bread in France is 40 per cent below ours. Bread is now selling in 

England for 28 cents for four pounds, the highest price since the Crimean War-30 per cent below our prices. In Canada we see a lower range of prices to the consumer than in our country, although the producer realizes the same price.

Again, for I want you to get this: Assuming that the farmer last year received the highest who never owned an actual food average, \$1.60, for his wheat. Then, with all normal costs and profits added, the wholesale price of peas, ten thousand tons of of flour should not have exceeded \$9 a barrel. Yet during the past few weeks, at many centers, it has soared as high as \$15. A vince one of these patriots he probable average throughout the country is \$14. Some one is taking \$5 a barrel on 10,000,000 barrels a month-\$50,000,000 a month absolutely picked from the American pocket. Since this bushel, Wheat bread in the rise in price above \$9 was before national capital to-day sells for the new crop, we may assume between 10 and 11 cents a pound that over \$250,000,000 has been snatched from the mouth of hunger-in excess of normal profits of trade and distribution. This in part accounts for a state price of bread should be the same ment recently made to me that we nave now in this country thirty thousand more millionaires gets a 30 per cent swell in the than we had before the war

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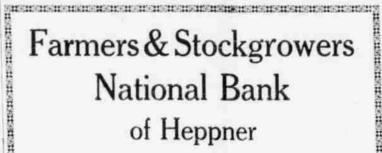
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Watch this space for list of attractions which will be published August 15.