

DAY OF CHEAP MEAT FOREVER GONE FOR PEOPLE

No Lower Prices Ever Again—No More Abundant Use of Meat—Perhaps Meat Cards, Meatless Days, Says Manly, After Interviewing Many Food Experts of Chicago.

BY BASH, M. MANLY. (Staff Special.)

CHICAGO, May 17.—I have spent today in packingtown attempting to discover the truth about the meat situation.

Will meat prices go back to the old figures which fitted the average man's pocketbook or will they go even higher? Is there an actual shortage or are the American people victims of a hold-up? Have we enough available meat to go ahead with our normal consumption or are we in for meatless days? Have high prices for meat reduced meat consumption? How much meat is being shipped abroad and what kinds? What is the hope for the future?

I have talked to the best meat experts in the country, editors of meat trade journals, representative cattlemen who are in Chicago to sell live stock, packinghouse buyers and managers, and Chicago wholesalers and retailers.

I wouldn't accept the statements of any one of these alleged authorities. Each has his own business interests, and however honest he may be, his view of conditions is sure to be biased. The composite opinions of all these varied interests ought to be somewhere near truth, however.

Plenty of Meat? Never Again!

There are only two points on which these varied interests are in accord: The American people will never again be able to eat in the care-free style of the good old days when a company dinner without two kinds of meat was a snide affair, nor will meat prices ever go back again to the old levels. There isn't enough meat now on the farms, the ranges, and in the feeding yards to supply the demand of people who are ready to pay fancy prices for meat.

Some of the cattlemen think it will be possible, under stimulus of present high prices for stock on the hoof to keep the supply up to the increase in population, but that's all. If you are going to blame anybody you will have to pick on old Dame Nature, who provided that cattle, hogs and sheep should be able to increase and multiply their kind only a little faster than human beings. If we could plant cows like corn there might be a way out; but we can't.

The limitation on increase has been increased by cattlemen, who specialized on steers, which unfortunately don't reproduce, because they brought the highest price, and by the sale of calves, lambs and young pigs, which went to slaughter before they had a chance to reproduce.

We Love Our Lamb and Veal.

But you will have to bear your share of the blame for this—spring lamb and veal always looked good to you, and you were deaf to pleas of agricultural experts, who for ten years have proclaimed that unless we quit killing young stock we would face shortage.

It is a fact established by official statistics that our population increases faster than our meat supply. This being the case there are just two ways in which prices can be brought down to anything like old levels—a decreased demand through general curtailment of meat consumption, and the lopping off of any excess profits that may exist in the business of meat production and distribution.

Is the demand for meat decreasing? Note first that we are now supplying meat for almost the whole of the civilized world—Germany, Tibet and Central Africa not coming within the definition of civilized. During the years just preceding the war our exports of meat had been constantly decreasing, and it looked as if we might keep our meat supplies up to our own population increase and get back to the days of the 20-cent steak. But fighting men don't get results on the rations that had been considered good enough for Europe's industrial workers, so we are back again as big exporters. The indications are that as long as there are ships, purchases for foreign consumption will increase.

We Eat More Meat Now Than Ever.

It might be expected that with the constant increase in the price of meat American consumption would decrease. Everybody knows families that have cut down their meat con-

RESTORATION OF RUINED PORTIONS OF FRANCE BEGUN

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) NOYON, France, May 17.—Peasants returning to the devastated regions of France, liberated by the retreat of the Germans have before them quite as many difficulties as faced the first American colonists. They will have, in the resurrection of farming lands, the benefit of implements that were unknown in the seventeenth century, but instead of forests from which the colonists drew material to build shelter and a virgin soil that awaited only the breaking up to furnish the necessities of life, they find only a desert.

A farm looks like a reduced bird's eye view of a volcanic region in which the craters are so thick that their edges touch. A careful inspection of the rugged surface discovers traces of a little of everything that is to be found in the wake of a defeated army, buried and reburied by successive upheavals as shell after shell gouged the earth, made new craters between old ones and gave cover to fresh wreckage.

Fragments of metal are the most apparent of all the debris that shows above the surface. Millions of projectiles burst over the land within a radius of from 15 to 20 miles on each side of the line that separated the hostile armies for upwards of two and a half years. They immediately impregnate the soil with fragments of steel, iron and copper. Unexploded shells, some of them filled with poisonous gas, followed the ground and now lie buried in unexpected places along the volcanic craters, a tragic snare for the plow man.

Preliminary measures for the reconstruction of the liberated regions in the department of the Oise are already under way. Eighty portable houses and fifty farm sheds have been ordered and bids have been solicited by the prefect of the department for one thousand more houses and three hundred and fifty farm buildings. The plans for these structures call for temporary buildings only.

THOUSANDS FIGHT FOREST BLAZES

DULUTH, May 17.—With thousands of men fighting forest fires in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, reports continued to come today that the flames were doing heavy damage. Fires have reached the city limits of Bayfield. Blazes are reported between Bemidji and Red Lake, Minn. The Bell school in the town of Eekles was destroyed last night, Bayfield, Wisconsin, said this morning that showers of ashes gave promise of attaining volcanic proportions there, dense smoke over Lake Superior has partly tied up navigation.

two years. But all the figures available show that in spite of high prices Americans, taken as a whole, are eating more meat now than ever before. Nobody knows exactly what happened but indications are that high wages paid munition workers have put a large number of people who before had been eating only a little meat in a position where they could afford to buy all they wanted.

Whatever the cause, the fact remains that there is no prospect of decrease in the consumption, unless the government takes a hand and establishes meatless days or meat cards or some other daring scheme.

Instead of increasing the supply, the record prices for all kinds of live stock now being paid at the stock yards are actually working strongly to decrease it. Farmers and cattlemen lured by the high prices are sending to market breeding cattle and young stock. Also lean cattle which should be fed until they gain 200 or 300 pounds are going to slaughter: It's the bird in the hand and two in the bush. The farmer is going to get his while the getting is good.

Armour Suggested Only Remedy.

With these facts regarding decreased supplies and increased demand before us, we may as well give up any hope of lower meat prices through the workings of the law of supply and demand. It can't happen.

The fact remains, however, that the only possible hope of meat prices within the reach of the common people lies in complete government control over the meat industry from the time the animal leaves the range or feeding yard until it reaches the consumer. This is not my conclusion alone—it has the backing of no less an authority than J. Ogden Armour, who has suggested that during the war, the federal government should

GOVERNMENT'S AIM IN FOOD BILLS TO SMASH CORNERS

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The government, if given power to fix maximum food prices, would exercise the authority only to break up corners or to prevent extortion, Secretary Houston explained today in a letter replying to an inquiry that "the single thought in this connection is that the power might be used as a club, to be applied only in individual cases where it is clear that an individual or corporation had established a corner or was practicing extortion. When that particular situation was controlled or the abuse eliminated, the incident would be closed."

Referring to popular misapprehension regarding the proposal that the government set a price on food stuffs, Secretary Houston explained that only two suggestions have been made.

"One is that the government be given power to fix a minimum price with a view to stimulate production," said the secretary. "This price would be sufficiently high to insure producers against loss. The other suggestion is that the government be given power to fix a maximum price in extreme emergencies to break up corners to control extortions."

ENGLISH SOCIALISTS SPURN CONFERENCE

LONDON, May 17.—The nationalist socialist party of England will take no part in the international socialist conference at Stockholm. The executive committee announced today that the party dissociated itself entirely from the conference, adding: "Such a conference is of no real importance and can only bring ridicule to the socialist cause."

LAST TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH H. CHOATE PAID, NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 17.—A host of distinguished men, representatives of both public and private life and of the entente allies as well as of America, assembled at St. Bartholomew's church today to attend the funeral services of Joseph H. Choate.

The Right Rev. Chas. F. Brent, bishop of the Philippines, read the prayer. The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, was present as the special representative of the crown. M. Hovelacque, minister of public instruction of France, represented the French war commission and Jules J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, represented France.

Among the honorary pall bearers were Mayor Mitchell, Ambassador Spring-Rice, William W. Phillips, Assistant Secretary of State, J. P. Morgan, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard university and Henry White, former ambassador to France.

The body of Mr. Choate will rest in the family vault at Stockbridge, Mass.

HAMBURG WITHOUT HEAT AND LIGHTS

COPENHAGEN, May 17.—Owing to the shortage of coal, Hamburg is now without gas, except a limited supply for a few indispensable institutions. Most of the restaurants and cafes are closed in the evening or are conducting a twilight existence by the aid of a few lamps. The streets are largely in darkness and many households have only candles.

AMERICAN TARS NOW SUPPLIED WITH WARM CLOTHING

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The report from Queenstown that the sailors of the American destroyer flotilla in the war zone were not supplied with warm enough clothing for the cold latitude was explained today by the fact that the destroyers before the supplies could be put aboard. Complete outfits of heavy woolen and rubber clothing are now on their way to the men. The crews of every destroyer which has left subsequently have been completely outfitted.

To the women of the United States is due the credit for this measure of protection. Under direction of the navy league thousands of American women in nearly every city have been knitting woolen garments and a special fund has been raised to buy rubber coats and felt boots. The work will be continued until every man in the navy is equipped.

American warships have never before been called upon for service in such cold climates and therefore the regulation clothing outfit was not suitable for the North Sea service against submarines.

MEN DODGING WAR CENSUS TO FACE IMPRISONMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—Under the plans for taking the war census in Oregon, every man within the scope of the specified ages of 21 to 30 years, inclusive, will be registered on the day soon to be proclaimed by President Wilson.

It will be imperative that every man shall register. If he is sick he will have to have a friend fill in the required information in the registration card before he can receive his receipt from the registrars (war census marshals); if he believes he is exempt, he must register just the same and it will be determined later whether he is exempt; citizen or no citizen, he must appear at the polls and fill out the blanks.

Brigadier-General George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon, working under the direction of Governor James Withycombe, has put the machinery to work and his first request of every man affected by the census is that he make a careful study of the provisions to eliminate all possible confusion at the polls.

Registering for the war census should be no more confusing than casting a vote. The general plan for gathering the data for the government is based on the ballot system and if every man who is affected will make a careful study of the provisions, War Census Day will pass like clock work.

The man who tries to evade the provision will face a term in jail without the option of paying a fine. In almost every case throughout the state the census will be taken in the regular polling places used on election days. The program by which every man absent from his city or county may register will soon be made public and special arrangements are being made for the registration of college students.

PURE BLOOD.

Twenty-four hours after you start to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, poisonous matter and blood impurities begin to leave your body through the eliminative organs. It brings new activity to the liver, stomach and bowels in a short time, thus causing sallowness, indigestion and constipation to disappear.

It enters the tiny blood vessels of the skin, bringing with it fresh vitalized blood; and abiding faith in its wonderful cleansing power has come to thousands, when pimples, boils, carbuncles, rash, eczema, acne and other skin troubles dried up and disappeared.

Good blood means good health; good health means strong men and women, full of vigor and ambition, with minds alert and muscles ever willing. Any medicine dealer will supply you with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in either liquid or tablet form. Remember it is not a patent medicine for its ingredients are glyceric extract of roots, made without alcohol.

Write to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet on blood. Sick people are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free.

OREGON PEOPLE.

Astoria, Oregon.—"My blood was bad for a long time and I was all run-down, had severe headaches, was nervous and tired all the time. After trying different remedies without getting any better, I decided to try Dr. Pierce's remedies. I took the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and the 'Favorite Prescription' according to directions and was restored to perfect health. I can conscientiously recommend them."—Mrs. C. O. MESSENGER, 1793 Duane Street.

It Pays
Because it Lasts
Durable
Roofing

—the great home product—is well worth your attention. It is the one roofing which you can rely on. Being made here in the Northwest, it is YOUR recommendation that we need first of all. Get it of your dealer or write us direct.

Durable Roofing Mfg. Co.
Portland, Oregon
For Sale By

Woods Lumber Co.

Automatic Protection
all the way

Columbia River Route East

Parallels America's Great Highway

Joins West and East with a Boulevard of Steel

PORTLAND CITY OFFICE
THIRD and WASHINGTON
Wm. McMurray, G. P. A., Portland

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM

COLUMBIA RIVER ROUTE

LUCKY STRIKE
the real Burley Cigarette

It's
toasted

FOR the beginning of a perfect day no one has invented anything more encouraging than a slice of brown, crisp toast; buttered, piping hot—right from the glowing fire. It smells delicious, and tastes more so.

Toasting—that's the fine, simple idea we finally applied to produce the equally "appetizing" Lucky Strike Cigarette. The tobacco—it's toasted, to hold the flavor.

And what's more, it's the real Burley cigarette at last: you've all been wanting a ready-made cigarette from this "blame good" tobacco.

So here it is, ready for you: Lucky Strike—the real Burley cigarette, and the delicious flavor of toasted tobacco.

Our men will demonstrate to you how the tobacco is toasted—at many stores

LUCKY STRIKE
The real Burley Cigarette

20 for 10¢

If your dealer does not carry them, send \$1 for a carton of 10 packages. Tobacco Co. of California, 150, Park, San Francisco, Cal.

Guaranteed by **The American Tobacco Co.**

Copyright by The American Tobacco Company, Inc., 1917.