

### FOOD CONTROL COME TO STAY IN GREAT BRITAIN

By Harold Edwin Bechtol.  
LONDON, Aug. 8.—Government control of the prices of food staples has come to stay in Great Britain.

This is the opinion of men high up in the direction of British food control.

For instance, Sir William Goode of the ministry of food said today in an interview for the Newspaper Enterprise association:

"I do not believe the prices of essential foodstuffs will ever again be entirely uncontrolled.

"That is to say, I don't think the people of this country will ever submit to the profiteering in food staples which has been eliminated by the setting up of control of food and food prices by the government.

"I believe rationing, however, will disappear after the war. Not the day fighting ceases, nor even the day peace is signed, perhaps, but gradually."

Labor leaders simply take it for granted now that control of staple food prices will not be abandoned.

The working people intend to benefit, insofar as is possible, by the costly lessons of the war.

And one of those lessons has been that the best way to curb the food profiteer is to sit on him thru broad government price control.

From July, 1914, to July, 1917, food prices in Britain steadily and rapidly shot upward. They doubled and more.

Then price control was slapped on, and the advance was quickly checked. They dropped early this year. Now they are rising again, but slowly.

They are not soaring as they were before price control was set up and as they threatened to continue to soar.

Price control was first made effective under the direction of the late Lord Rhondda. And friends say his personal view was that some sort of price control of essentials would remain.

This is also stated to be the personal view of Lord Rhondda's successor, as food controller, the Right Hon. J. P. Clynnes, M. P., who neither man ever committed the food ministry to any policy on the matter.

As indicative of the success of food price control and the rationing system, by the way, the food ministry is practically the only big government department that is not subjected to spasmodic, violent criticism, political or otherwise.

### CHILDREN'S WEIGHT FALLS DUE TO WAR

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The average weights of boys and girls six years old from good families in Liverpool have fallen by five and four pounds, respectively, due to war conditions. Boys of the same age in poorer districts increased in weight by five pounds and girls by one pound in the same period.

### MEN WANTED TO ENTER OFFICERS TRAINING CAMPS

O. A. C., Corvallis, Aug. 8.—Response to the call of the government for applicants for admittance in the new central officers' training schools has been general and several hundred Oregonians have applied. A special appeal is now being made for older men of mature judgment to train in field artillery work at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., according to word just received at the Oregon Agricultural college by Captain T. F. Maginnis, professor of military science and tactics in the college, who has been especially designated as a representative of the government to receive applications.

"Older men of mature judgment gained thru wide experience in business and professional life are especially desired," says Lieutenant Col. Arthur H. Carter, commanding officer at Camp Zachary Taylor in a communication to Captain Maginnis. "Such men need not hesitate to enter this school because on graduation they cannot be commissioned above second lieutenants, as promotion will be by selection and should be rapid if they demonstrate ability.

"Until further notice you may receive applications from men of business affairs, both within and above draft age, giving them assurance that if accepted they will be called to this school within one week of the date they specify they wish to enter, providing said date is not more than one month from date of application.

"We have made arrangements thru the chief of artillery whereby we can have men ordered to this school whose applications we have accepted, but who have been drafted before it was possible to have them inducted into the service.

### SAVING DAYLIGHT DOWN TO A SCIENCE

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Americans started saving daylight, but they're amateurs compared with Europeans.

The way they have the clocks set ahead over here it doesn't get good and dark, even this late in the season, until 11 p. m., almost midnight!

At 9 p. m. it is as light as day.

At 9:30 p. m. it begins to get "dusk."

At 10 p. m. you can still read a newspaper in the street.

At 10:30 p. m. you can recognize an acquaintance in an unlighted spot across a wide street.

At 11 p. m. it's dark.

On account of the danger of air raids, a police order which is rigidly enforced requires all blinds to be drawn at dark. And right now the official time for compliance with this order is 10 p. m. And you can well imagine the police are playing safe in an order of this kind.

In the north of the British Isles it is midnight before it gets dark.

### SOLDIERS OWN HEWERS OF WOOD AND HIRED MEN

BEHIND BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Aug. 8.—(By the Associated Press.) Life on active service is not entirely composed, as some people are inclined to imagine, of fighting, of sitting in trenches, of resting in billets, of marching, eating and sleeping. It is true that the main activities of the soldier are comprised in the above list, but there are countless other duties which he is called upon to perform,—duties which might best be called "odd jobs," and some of which are distinctly odd.

The days of camp-followers, who used to perform the more menial tasks of the battle zone, are gone never to return. The soldier must now be his own hewer of wood and drawer of water. He must attend himself to all the little details of life, the cleaning of his quarters, the digging of trenches, the carrying of his food. Broken trenches must be mended, fresh trenches dug, and dugouts built. All these odd jobs, which the soldier is called upon to do in what would otherwise be his spare time, he sums up under the comprehensive heading of "fatigue."

#### Fatigue Duty

Fatigue duty, as the name implies, is not often a light or restful form of occupation. It may involve a long march with a night's work at the end of it.

The first man to be picked for a fatigue party are the defaulters, men guilty of minor delinquencies such as the possession of a rusty rifle or an unshaven chin at the morning parade.

It follows that the term "fatigue" has fallen somewhat into disrepute, for it has come to be associated, at least in the civilian mind, with an idea of punishment. In consequence, an attempt has been made to differentiate between extra work which is included in the duties of every soldier, be his character ever so stainless. For this purpose a new phrase has been introduced. This new phrase is "working party." Men are selected for working parties in turn, so that everyone contributes a share.

#### Working Parties

So far as possible, working parties are employed on essentially military operations, such as the putting up of wire entanglements, the digging of trenches, the carrying of rations and stores, whereas a fatigue party is likely to be employed on more menial forms of occupation.

But it is difficult to change old names, and the distinction between a fatigue party and a working party is carefully observed in official orders, the British soldier himself is still inclined to apply the old name "fatigue" indiscriminately to all forms of extra work.

In the main, it is the unfortunate infantryman who is called upon to supply working parties. The engineers, for example, depend to a great extent on infantry labor for the carrying out of their various operations.

### MORE AMERICANS CROSS VESLE TO CLEAN UP BOCHE

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE VESLE, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 10 p. m.—(By the Associated Press.)

The Vesle was crossed east and west of Fismes late today by additional American infantrymen. West of Fismes the Americans are breaking up counter attacks.

In support of the Americans who had crossed the river during Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, a detachment of infantry crossed the Vesle under a barrage just before noon today. Two other detachments reach the north bank later.

The Germans counter attacked the Americans west of Fismes this afternoon but were scattered by the American artillery. In bitter fighting the men from overseas used their bayonets effectively. A few Germans were taken prisoners, while the others retired.

The stiffest resistance now facing the American infantry north of the Vesle is from a knoll north of Bazoches. Here a number of German machine gun companies have dug in. One of the American detachments which crossed the river today reinforced the Americans along the Rheims-Soissons highway, who are endeavoring to drive the Germans from the knoll.

Among the prisoners taken by the Americans today were an officer and several privates from a fresh division which has just arrived from the German front in Flanders.

### NORTH CAROLINA PRAYS FOR VICTORY

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 8.—Every evening at 7 o'clock church bells are tolled in cities, towns, villages and in the most remote sections throughout North Carolina while people offer a prayer for the success of the allies. This is done in accordance with a proclamation suggesting it issued several weeks ago by Governor Thomas W. Bickett.

When the idea was first proposed it was not generally observed, but it now comes natural for most North Carolinians each evening at 7 o'clock to pray for the victory of democracy over autocracy.

Governor Bickett is one of those who strictly observes the new custom. The other afternoon he was playing tennis with a party of friends at a court near the city and when he heard the sounds of the tolling bells he raised his hands and said: "Hold on, boys, there is the Angels."

The game was stopped while the players joined the governor in silent prayer.

Liquors can be solidified into tablet form by a method a French chemist has invented.

### OREGON SECURES \$16,144 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FUND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Apportionment to each state of the federal fund of \$2,307,460 for vocational education in 1918-19 has been announced by the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The funds are made available on the condition that each state shall duplicate the amount allotted. The money must be spent as follows:

- For agriculture, \$782,575; trade, home economics and industry, \$794,463; teacher training, \$730,421.
- The allotments by state follow: Maine, \$17,920; New Hampshire, \$15,000; Vermont, \$15,000; Massachusetts, \$86,138; Rhode Island, \$19,304; Connecticut, \$31,245; New York, \$226,343; New Jersey, \$62,776; Pennsylvania, \$186,786; Delaware, \$15,000; Maryland, \$31,250; West Virginia, \$29,417; Ohio, \$115,662; Kentucky, \$55,701; Michigan, \$67,539; Indiana, \$64,578; Wisconsin, \$55,843; Illinois, \$137,581; Minnesota, \$49,557; Iowa, \$52,530; Missouri, \$78,775; North Dakota, \$17,808; South Dakota, \$17,708; Nebraska, \$28,014; Kansas, \$39,867; Oklahoma, \$38,655; Montana, \$15,000; Wyoming, \$15,000; Colorado, \$19,273; New Mexico, \$15,000; Idaho, \$15,000; Utah, \$15,000; Arizona, \$15,000; Nevada, \$15,000; Washington, \$27,614; Oregon, \$16,142; California, \$58,021; Virginia, \$18,288; North Carolina, \$51,191; South Carolina, \$36,189; Georgia, \$69,948; Florida, \$18,857; Tennessee, \$51,011; Alabama, \$49,765; Mississippi, \$42,888; Arkansas, \$37,874; Louisiana, \$39,085; Texas, \$91,361.

### DEFENDS HONOR OF HIS REGIMENT

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Because the defendant published a story about him saying that he ordered his regiment to surrender during a battle on the western front in the early days of the war, Colonel William E. Gordon, holder of the Victoria Cross, has started a novel suit for \$25,000 damages against John Leng & Co., of Dundee, Scotland, publishers of a weekly newspaper.

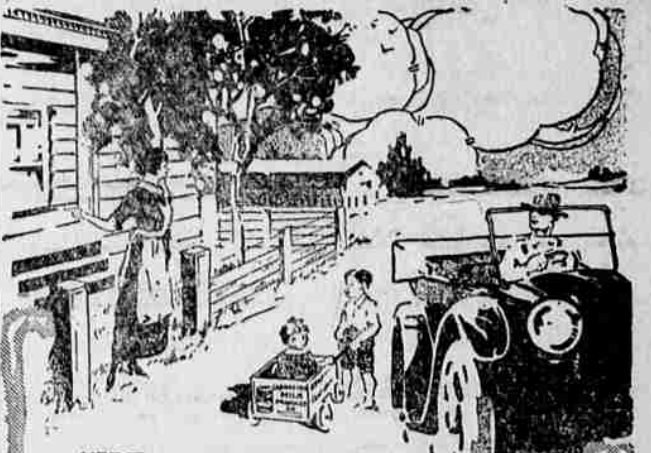
The article, written by Corporal George Match of the Gordon Highlanders, contained these words:

"We opened fire on the enemy. As we were a splendid target for them, however, and they were almost invisible to us, it was plain that very soon we would be wiped out. We could neither advance nor retire, and gradually the Germans closed in about us."

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After about 20 minutes Colonel Gordon ordered us to throw down our arms, and the fight was over." Colonel Gordon denies that he gave the order to surrender, and declares he believes the article was not written by Corporal Match, but by an employe of the publishers. The defendants assert that the statement was given them in an interview by the corporal and that they had no intention of representing Colonel Gordon as having failed in his duty as a soldier.



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