

LONDONERS GET THIN AS FOOD DIMINISHES.

Despite Scant Supplies, Prices in Public Places Are 25 Per Cent Below New York's. Cheerful and Determined.

(New York Times.) London, Jan. 27.—The chief subject of discussion in London just now, from Duke to dustman, is how to get food. Butcher boys carrying meat through the streets are followed to find out where they get it. The people are getting thinner daily, but healthier, it is explained, except for some cases of indigestion caused by the war bread. There are business men residing in London who boast that they are able to count their ribs for the first time in twenty years.

In spite of the war conditions, everybody here is cheerful and determined to hold out to prevent Germany becoming master of the world, even if the war lasts another twenty years.

Prices at hotels and restaurants are still 25 per cent below those in New York. The quantity of meats here is 50 per cent less. Meals on the meatless days cost double the usual rate, on account of the price of fish. A cargo of fish sold at auction after landing realized high prices. The crew of one fishing vessel had \$1,500 each as his share in a fourteen days' cruise. Prices are now regulated, but fish is scarcer, because men will not go out and risk their lives unless sure of big money in return.

Young American officers visiting London find difficulty in getting what they would call a square meal at night, as the restaurants are darkened and the visitors are unable to distinguish them from other stores. I was accosted last night in the Strand by two officers who had been one hour trying to find a restaurant.

Dry Goods Notes.

A number of mercantile houses will keep open Saturday afternoons until the closing Monday order has been complied with.

Of the 150,000 pieces of print cloths sold at Fall River last week, 30,000 were for spot shipment. Wide regular print cloths are quoted at 13c. and narrow regulars at 9-3-4c.

The silk trade has received some large orders for a special cloth to be used for powder bags and the business has been distributed among several mills to hasten deliveries.

Linens are very firm, but importers hold forth few hopes of being able to place much new business with the mills for some time to come. The mills in Great Britain are making about 16,000,000 yards of linens for American war purposes.

Many silk mills in Paterson have been curtailing their output on account of lack of power, the service companies having run short of coal. Some substantial sales of bleached cottons for export were made within a week, and the demand for cotton yarns for South American markets is very full.

The demand for blankets of all kinds is continuing much later than in normal years, and buyers are unable to contract for all the supplies they are seeking.

New lines of dress gingham for fall were priced at 22 1-2c. this week. They sold for 17 1-2c. for spring. Some lines of flannelettes have sold for 22 1-2c. for fall delivery, and were priced a year ago at 10 1-2c.

From week to week, many dry goods houses engaged in export trade are heartened by the removal from the blacklist of names of firms with whom considerable American business has been done in the past three years.

Some of the fine combed yarn goods mills in New England have recently received Government orders for a special fabric for balloon purposes, requiring 136x145 picks in 40-inch widths and yarns running from 70s to 85s. The goods must be very strong and will weave slowly.

A 16-ounce staple serge that was priced for the last fall season at \$2.37 1-2 was priced at \$4.15 a yard for the fall of 1918; another priced at \$2.35 a yard last year was priced at \$3.77 1-2 this year, while a cheviot that sold for \$1.97 1-2 last year is priced at \$3.22 1-2 for the coming fall.—Dun's Review, Jan 26th.

A Popular Book.

Judged by figures, Mr. Empey's "Over the Top" was undoubtedly the leading book of last year. According to the publisher's figures, over 400,000 copies of the book have been sold since its publication on June 8. In the records of best sellers it would be difficult to surpass this achievement. The publisher states, in fact, that, in the length of time dating from its publication, there has been no book that has equaled in sales "Over the Top." The fact is significant of the popular demand for a great, well-written book on the war.—New York Times Book Review.

ROCK HILL NOTES.

Mr. Millard Rhodes left Monday on a business trip to Rocky Mount.

Mr. Eugene Phelps, from Apex, recently made a business trip to this section.

Miss Letha Lee, from Stanley school, spent the week-end with Misses Cassie and Thelma Lee.

Miss Mittie Smith returned last Saturday from Mars Hill, where she entered school the first of the year.

Mr. John Holly left Sunday for Hopewell, Va., where he has accepted a position with the Dupont Company. He will return in a few days for his wife and children.

Mrs. J. K. Hudson, from near Dunn, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Lee.

Misses Mittie Smith and Lessie Lee and Mr. Eneul Mahler attended church at Jernigan's school house Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mahler spent Sunday at Mr. Bud Johnson's near Four Oaks.

It has become necessary to add the third teacher to the Rock Hill school. Miss Cassie Lee took possession of the third department Monday morning.

The entertainment and box supper that was given at Rock Hill last Friday night was a decided success. Twenty-two boxes were sold and they averaged a nice price. The net sum of \$127.14 was realized. There was a voting contest for the prettiest girl. A cake was given to the lucky one which was Miss Nettie Lee. Everything was carried out quietly and every one present seemed to enjoy the occasion.

BEN BOW.

Four Oaks, R. 2.

SANDY GROVE ITEMS.

Mr. H. N. Jernigan, a prosperous farmer of Meadow township, has killed a pig weighing 386 pounds.

The New Zealand Sunday school reorganized last Sunday, making Mr. S. T. Blackman superintendent, and Mr. H. N. Jernigan assistant superintendent.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. H. N. Jernigan is on the sick list.

Messrs. Lonnie Jackson and Roy West, of Sampson County, spent Saturday night with Mr. Malcolm Jernigan.

Miss Lettie Marhler, of Benson, is visiting friends of our community.

Misses Bethea and McFeyden, teachers of Sandy Grove school, were the guest of Miss Lula Mae Jernigan for a short while Saturday.

The "Woodrow Wilson" Society had a debate Friday afternoon. Query—Resolved, That corn is more beneficial to plant than wheat. Speakers on the affirmative side were: Clarence Lewis, Noah Blackman and Lula Mae Jernigan. Speakers on the negative side were: Vira Blackman, Vira Blackman and Thurman Rose. The judges were: Miss Bethea, Miss Lettie Marhler, and Mr. Malcolm Jernigan. The judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Alfonso Lewis spent several days with Mr. Clarence Lewis recently.

This Jan. 28, 1918.

MICRO ITEMS.

Rev. S. H. Styrton filled his regular appointment at the Free-Will Baptist church last Sunday, with a good attendance considering the weather.

People of Micro always welcome him. Mr. Worley Wall, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis, is improving.

Mr. Jesse T. Creech, who has recently moved to town, has had a severe case of lagrippe.

Miss Catharine Johnson, of Benson, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Pearce.

Mr. W. J. Collier has just returned from Petersburg, Va., having gone there to stand the physical examination before the Local Board.

Mrs. Bizzell Coats, of near Wilson's Mills, is visiting her father, Mr. D. C. Smith.

Mrs. D. H. Jones, of Goldsboro, has returned home after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Batten.

Miss Lena Blaylock is spending a short while in Raleigh.

Mrs. N. B. Hinnant is expecting to move to town shortly. We welcome her.

Mr. Joe Broadwell spent Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Broadwell en route to Kenly High School.

Mr. Rual Holland, of Kenly, is visiting relatives and friends here before going to camp.

The Red Cross of Micro have just commenced work, and they hope to do their part.

The recent cold weather has rendered the roads in such condition that it has stopped the car service for Micro.

Reporter.

Micro, Jan. 30, 1918.

GENERAL NEWS MATTERS.

Items of Interest at Home and Abroad Told in Brief for Busy Readers.

Last Tuesday was the 75th anniversary of the birth of President William McKinley who was assassinated at Buffalo, New York, in September, 1901.

The little town of Ethelville, Alabama, was struck by a tornado Monday and the school house, two churches, and several residences were blown down.

Senator Tillman has introduced a bill in Congress providing for an increase in the number of naval aviators from 350 to 10,000 and raise the enlisted personnel of the navy to 180,000.

First came Mississippi, then Virginia, Kentucky and South Carolina, and now South Dakota has jumped on the "water wagon," by ratifying the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution.

Police Commissioner Enright of New York City has appointed Mrs. Ellen O'Grady a deputy police commissioner with the rank of fifth deputy. She will have charge of the "white slave traffic" and look after missing girls.

Charles W. Fuiton, former United States senator from Oregon and for many years a prominent figure in state politics, died Monday after a long illness, aged 64. His term in the senate was from 1903 to 1909. He was born in Lima, Ohio.

When it was learned that the bakers were talking about increasing the prices of the new victory bread the Food Administration stepped in and gave notice that there should be no increase unless it was proven that there could be no margin of profit at the old prices.

Forty lives were lost through the sinking of the French freight transport Drome and the trawler Kerbihan, which struck mines Jan. 23 within sight of Marseilles. The Drome first came into contact with a mine and the Kerbihan shortly afterwards struck another near the same place.

The United States Food Administration has sent out instructions to the State Administrators throughout the country to begin at once the distribution of more than 18,000,000 food pledge cards giving in detail the food conservation measures presented by President Wilson and Herbert C. Hoover as essential to the success of the war.

The fact that the east faces a temporary meat shortage because of transportation difficulties was disclosed by the food administration Tuesday in instructions sent to packers not to increase their prices above a normal margin of cost and to distribute their available supplies fairly among their customers. Wholesalers and retailers received virtually the same instructions.

Creation of a half-billion dollar government corporation to make loans and advances to enterprises essential to the war and otherwise assist in private financing was recommended to Congress Monday by Secretary McAdoo. The secretary also asked that all private issues of more than \$100,000 be made subject to the approval of the government body, to be known as the "war finance corporation."

The American Red Cross has announced that it has made appropriations for relief work in France to cover the period up to April 18 of this year, bringing the total amount appropriated for for France since Congress declared war on Germany to \$30,519,259. In addition to this amount appropriations amounting to \$7,063,649 have been made for the purchase of supplies in the United States for shipment to France.

British casualties during the week ending Monday were 8,588 divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers 25; men, 1,714. Wounded or missing, officers 128; men, 6,721. These figures represent the virtual cutting in half of British casualties as compared with the previous week when 17,043 were reported. Two weeks ago the high total of 24,978 was reached. For the week immediately preceding the figures were 18,998 and the week before that 9,951.

Joggins—My wife's learned to talk while she knits. Boggins—Huh! My wife learned to knit while she talks.—Bugalo Express.

"Miss Strongmind says she doesn't intend to marry until after the war, and then she'll marry only a soldier." "Why a soldier?" "Because her husband will then know the value of implicit obedience."—Boston Transcript.

POPULAR SPRING NEWS.

The school at Poplar Spring has had very poor attendance this week on account of bad weather.

Mr. Jasper Holmes, of near Godwin, visited in our community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin visited relatives in Elevation Sunday.

Poplar Spring school has purchased a piano which adds much to the enjoyment and benefit of the school. The school is also expecting a basket ball soon.

Mr. W. M. Woodall made a business trip to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. Sidney Barbour, of Camp Sevier, was a very welcome visitor in our community Saturday. He seems to be enjoying army life fine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore, of Rhode Island, were home on a visit last week. Mr. Moore has been in the army at that place for three years. He seems to like it fine.

Mrs. Riley Allen is visiting her husband who is in Camp at Greenville, S. C.

GUESS WHO.

Benson, N. C., Jan. 28.

Talented Cow.

Advertisement in a rural New England weekly: "Wanted—A steady, respectable young man to look after a garden and care for a cow who has a good voice and is accustomed to sing in the choir."—Christian Register.

NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Under and by virtue of the power conferred upon us by an order of the Superior Court of Johnston County, made in the Special Proceedings entitled "Mrs. Ellen Augusta McLamb, widow, and Thomas I. McLamb, et als, heirs-at-law of Nathan McLamb, deceased, Ex Parte," now pending in the Superior Court of said County, we, the undersigned commissioners, will on the

4th day of March, 1918, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the Premises in and near Benson, North Carolina, in said County, sell for cash to the highest bidder the following described lands, to-wit: Lying and being in Banner Township, Johnston County, North Carolina, in and near Benson, and adjoining the lands of J. W. Whittenton, J. W. Wood, Jr., and others and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stake and runs North 1 West 200 Poles to a stake; thence North 67 East 35 1-5 poles to a stake; thence South 30 East 45 2-4 poles to a stake; thence North 89 East 14 poles to a stake; thence South 28 East 40 1-5 poles to a pine; thence South 6 West 142 4-5 poles to a pine; thence North 88 1-2 West 70 poles to the beginning containing Ninety-seven and one-half acres, and that land allotted to Nathan McLamb in the division is duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Johnston County in Land Book No. 4, page 142.

This tract of land has been subdivided into small lots and tracts, and will be sold in separate lots and parcels.

This 30th day of January, 1918.

EZRA PARKER,
JAMES RAYNOR,

Commissioners.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Pursuant to a Decree of Sale in the Special Proceedings entitled "Alonzo Parrish, and wife, Nellie Parrish, J. H. Godwin, and wife, Eva Godwin, Julius Lee, and wife, Nellie Lee, against G. C. Bryan, and wife, Lillie Bryan," now pending in the Superior Court of Johnston County, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described lands located in the Town of Benson, County of Johnston, and State of North Carolina, described as follows, to-wit:

FIRST: One lot of land in the Town of Benson, and running back 300 feet to Harnett Street, comprising lots Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, in Block "34" according to the revised plan of the Town of Benson, made by Riddick, Mann and Hales.

SECOND: One lot 75 by 140 feet, fronting on Mill Street, being Lot No. 13, in Block "34" according to said plan of said Town.

THIRD: A lot fronting on Wall and Mill Streets 140 feet by 90 feet, the same being Lot No. 3 in Block "48" according to said plan of said Town.

FOURTH: Three lots, containing three houses on Harnett Street, and said houses being now occupied by Charles McLean, Neill Ferguson and Will Cozart, respectively, said three lots together comprising Lots Nos. 2 and 3, in Block "33" according to said plan of said Town.

FIFTH: Lot No. 8, in Block "20," according to said plan of said Town.

SIXTH: Lot No. 5 in Block "36," according to the said plan of said Town, said lot being known as the Home Place, fronting on Harnett Street about 397 feet, and running back 300 feet to Church Street.

SEVENTH: One house and lot known as the O'Neal Lot, located near Benson on the Raleigh Road, bounded on the West by the lands of Della Brady, on the South by the lands of J. W. Wood, Jr., and John V. Moore, and on the East and North by the lands of Alonzo Parrish.

EIGHTH: A tract of land in the Town of Benson, N. C. bounded on the North by Harnett Street, on the East by the lands of Alonzo Parrish, on the South by the lands of J. W. Wood, and on the West by the lands of Nat McLamb, deceased, and containing 10 acres, more or less.

Date of Sale: Monday, March 4th, 1918, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Place of Sale: Post Office Door, Benson, N. C.

Terms of Sale: Cash, upon confirmation by the Court, 10 per cent cash deposited on day of sale required.

This the 31st day of January, 1918.

N. A. TOWNSEND,
Commissioner.



**Mules
Horses**

This is to notify all our friends and customers and the public generally that Mr. Galbraith has just reached Smithfield with his second car load of mules. These mules were bought from the plantations around Mr. Galbraith's home in Tennessee. They are now ready to go to work.

Remember that you can buy mules much cheaper from us than from other parties who buy their mules of the city stock yards.

Our mules are not only of better quality but are a good deal cheaper.

Come to see us.

W. M. SANDERS

Smithfield, N. C.

Farmers,

Attention!

PLANT BED FERTILIZERS

AND

CANVAS CLOTH

for every one

FLOYD C. PRICE

Pine Level, North Carolina

P. S. Canvas Cloth 5c. yard.

NOT A SALE

But A Big Money Saver

We have just completed the inventory of our 1917 Stock, consisting of: Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery, Shoes, Hats and Caps, Ladies ready-to-wear and men's and boy's clothing.

Beginning with next Thursday, Jan. 31st, we will offer the entire remainder of our stock at prices much less than they can be bought at current whole sale prices.

To give an idea of some of these low prices, we offer a nice lot of Gingham for 12 1/2 to 15 cents. Percals one yard wide at 18cents. Calico and plaids at 10cents per yard. Many other valuable staple Dry Goods in proportion. We also have between \$4,000 to \$5,000 worth of extra good factory shoes, which we will sell at last year's prices. Our last year's line of slippers we will sell at less than they could be purchased at wholesale now.

These goods will be offered for sale, at these low prices beginning Thursday, Jan. 31st, 1918 until Feb. 20th, 1918.

Many will take advantage of these bargains, it will be to your interest therefore to call at your earliest opportunity, to see for yourself and select before the rush. We have many ladies' hats, we do not desire to carry them over, and offer them at \$1.00 each, your choice.

Your friends.

J. W. SANDERS & CO.

Four Oaks, N. C.

Start The New Year Right

By Resolving to Buy Your Groceries From

S. C. Turnage

Smithfield, N. C.

He always keeps on hand a full line of staple and heavy groceries at prices satisfactory.