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TRYING TO STARVE GERMANY
FARMERS OF EMPIRE CHARGED WITH MINTING HUNGER OF THE PEOPLE.

"The farmers are trying to starve Germany!" Such is the cry which has been heard from one end of the empire to the other this autumn. The farmers, big and little, are accused of minting the hunger of the people.

While the small landowners and the middle class farmers of Bavaria and the south come in for their share of popular condemnation, the bulk of the outcry is against the aristocratic "Junkers." There are the most powerful force in Germany. These great landowners are blamed for the great rise of food prices which has brought about the two "meatless days," the "porkless days," the two "fatless days" in every week, besides the virtual government monopolies of most of the necessities of life.

There is no doubt that the English blockade has created serious hardships in Germany. Many things that were considered luxuries before the war, such as coffee, tea, etc., can now only be obtained by the wealthiest classes, and even tobacco is beginning to get scarce. The meat prices have become prohibitive for the working people, and butter, lard and other fats are even higher than meat.

Minor food riots have occurred in many cities and towns. They were not caused by an actual shortage of food, but by the greed of the farmers and wholesale and retail dealers.

The German nation is not threatened by starvation and could easily live through the winter and next summer, even if the road to the granaries in the Bosphorus and the cattle and sheep markets of Turkey had not been opened.

The executive committee of the social democratic party in its recent manifesto emphatically states that the empire has more than foodstuffs enough and that the high prices are only caused by the usurious methods of the agricultural interests and the speculators.

For the high prices which are now causing serious dissatisfaction and almost a crisis the government, notwithstanding the boasted efficiency, is more to blame than anything else. Instead of confiscating and distributing all food stuffs in the same manner as grain and flour was treated last winter, it permitted the agrarians and the speculators to have their own way and to drive the price up higher from week to week.

The scarcity of pork was originally caused by the government, which a year ago, when it seemed doubtful whether the grain and fodder stocks would be sufficient until the next harvest, advised the farmers to kill most of their hogs and to salt or smoke the meat. This was done, but the authorities, instead of confiscating the meat supply, permitted the agrarians and speculators to corner it and to make millions by creating an artificial want.

Since the harvest began in July millions of hogs have been raised, as there is an abundant supply of potatoes, but still the pork prices kept on rising and the government did not attempt to act until it was compelled to do so by the threatening attitude of the socialists, progressives and liberals.

Beef became somewhat scarce because many of the smaller farmers were forced to reduce their live stock for lack of fodder. This fact was also used by the aristocratic and other large landowners to make large extra profits. They kept their cattle until its value rose to figures never dreamed of before.

The "Muenchaner Neueste Nachrichten" recently stated that the large Bavarian farmers are enjoying greater prosperity since the war began than ever before in the history of the kingdom. The extra profits made by them by keeping their hogs, cattle, butter, eggs and milk products from the markets until they received the highest possible prices are enormous.

Statistics published by the "Vorwaerts," the central organ of the social democracy, prove that the same methods were used even more ruthlessly by the agrarians of Prussia, Mecklenburg and most of the other states. Everywhere the large farmers reaped a golden harvest, while the working classes suffered and their condition became more and more unbearable.

The government now seems to realize that the greed of the agrarians and speculators has to be checked by drastic measures, and that the confiscation and equal distribution of all foods at minimum prices must be resorted to, even if it hurts the mighty "Junkers."

According to official statistics, the supply of breadstuffs on hand is sufficient for at least fourteen months and the scarcity of lard and fresh pork will end as soon as the killing of the hogs raised since July and August begins.

comment on the manifesto of the socialists, says:
"There is no farmer that Germany will starve. The nation has plenty of food, but supplies have to be distributed equally. The rich should not have what the working classes cannot buy. If the government hesitates to act nobody can tell what will happen."

"The nation will not submit any longer to the extortion of favored landowners and speculators. Our brave soldiers at the front must be assured that their wives and children at home shall not go hungry. The vampires must not be permitted to fatten themselves on the lifeblood of the nation."

The demands of the socialists and the dissatisfaction of the middle classes will undoubtedly quickly bring a system of state socialism as it has never been seen before. The government will find itself compelled to confiscate all food supplies and to distribute them equally in the same manner as this is done with bread.

Among the things for which maximum prices in various guises have already been established are bread, potatoes, pork, milk, butter, coffee, tea, cocoa, buckwheat, millet, marmalades, honey, vegetables, fruits and sauerkraut.

Despite the opening of the road to Constantinople, Germany is in reality far worse off now than a year ago, because the crops of 1915, despite the larger acreage, were terribly cut down by drought. Potatoes alone turned out well. The potato may save the German nation.

Many of the best brains in Germany are now working on the question of substitutes for foods. Every edition of the newspapers contains advertisements of imitation marmalades and imitation eggs.

What are not found, however are advertisements of imitation fats and fatty foods. This is perhaps the gravest problem of all. The maximum price for butter is sixty-four cents a pound, and when one realizes how much less money circulates in Germany compared with the United States it is seen that this puts the ordinary spread for bread out of reach of all except the very wealthy. Lard is also almost impossible to obtain and even vaseline is confiscated by the state, for it is used in making high explosives.

Justice Hughes Won't Permit Name on Ballot.

Associate Justice Hughes, of the United States Supreme court, has sent a telegram to the secretary of state of Nebraska declining the nomination for president and asking that his name be taken from the ballot where it had been placed by petition. He said that he declined the nomination proposed in that and similar petitions, thereby indicating that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for the nomination.

Justice Hughes followed his telegram with a letter, in which he said:
"A petition having been filed with you on November 13, 1915, requesting that my name be placed upon the official primary ballot of the Republican party for the primary election to be held in Nebraska on April 16, 1916, as a candidate for the office of president of the United States, I hereby notify you that I decline the nomination made by this petition or similar petitions and request that my name shall not be placed upon the ballots at such primary election."

Prunes Act as Own Fireless Cooker.

Inspector Matthews, of the health department, while making his rounds Saturday, found 2,400 cases of prunes on Pier 27, East river, which gave out from their packing cases entirely too much heat for so cold a day. Thinking the pier might be on fire, the inspector and all the stevedores on hand began to look for the fire. No smoke or flame could be discovered. Although the pier was cold, excessive heat issued from between the cases containing the prunes.

Finally Matthews broke open a box and found that the heat caused by fermentation had cooked some of the prunes, while others had decayed. Some prunes were perfectly cooked and in good condition, but many had been destroyed.

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GOVERNMENT MAY USE ANY DEVICE GRANTED A PATENT.

Federal Judge Hough, of New York, has held that the government has a right to make temporary use of any device on which it has granted a patent, and that the patentee cannot secure an injunction.

The decision was given in a suit of the Marconi Wireless-Telegraph Company of America for an injunction against Emil J. Simon, of New York. Simon asserted that whatever infringements he had committed had occurred while he was constructing radio apparatus for the United States government under a contract with the navy department. Judge Hough said:

"The navy department has employed Simon to construct radio apparatus without which certain war vessels now approaching completion cannot go into commission. If Simon does not complete his work an injury to the naval arm of the government will result. Therefore no injunction will be issued."

Edward J. Nally, vice president and general manager of the Marconi Wireless-Telegraph Company of America, announced that his company would appeal the decision to the higher courts because it was of interest to other patentees as well as to his company to have the matter finally determined.

Supplies For Stricken Serbia.

Aroused by the pitiable condition of Serbia, beset on three sides by enemies, and particularly by the suffering of thousands of women and children refugees pouring into northern Greece and Montenegro, the Serbian American relief committee has launched a new campaign to get relief to the poverty-stricken nation.

A shipment of supplies will be forwarded within the next two weeks via Greek steamer to Athens and thence by pack trains to northern Greece. In the consignment, which is valued at approximately \$30,000, are clothing, bacon, cornmeal, sugar, condensed milk, quinine, bichloride of mercury, iodiform and other drugs.

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