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**'WAR' PRICES**

One of the principal causes of war time shortages and sky-rocketing prices is the fear of them. The manager of any company making finished goods out of raw materials is responsible for continuous supply. If he sees ahead what seems to be a period of scant material and rising prices, he not only "covers" by buying for his usual output for six months or maybe a year, but he goes as far beyond that as his resources will permit.

This is "good business" from every angle. It is a good speculative risk from the angle of probable rising prices. It is good insurance against possible future shut-downs or delays due to inability to get materials later. Finally, there is a temptation even to borrow money to increase stock piles and inventories to abnormal size. A period of price inflation is a good time to owe money and to own things.

The combination of all these reasons is almost irresistible. Apply them to all the thousands of business concerns, big and little, and you have a tremendous national force working everywhere to create the very condition of fear which has caused it.

Part of these reasons work in the same direction for all individuals and for the great war purchasing government departments. All people like to buy while they "can get the stuff and before the price rises." An officer in charge of an arsenal or a navy yard turning out munitions has a really dreadful responsibility for producing on or ahead of time and in quantity. He, too, fears the delays that future shortages may cause and to the extent of his powers, will overstate his requirements and build up his inventories.

Of course, this is a form of "hoarding"—which is a war time word of evil omen. It is truly evil because the certain result of these practices is soaring prices, to the detriment of the whole nation and sometimes with a result of complete economic collapse and disaster.

This column has continuously argued against centralization of federal power, but in a war economy some centralization is necessary in the public interest. In the haste to get the defense program through the legislature, not enough attention has been given to this phase. We need simpler and more direct emergency statutory authority to control price, priority and increasing inventories. This is a subject that should have the immediate attention of congress—even before tax legislation. We could lose more through price inflation in a year than increased taxes could recover in 10 years.

**MILITARY EXPERTS**

This has certainly been a tough war for the military "experts"—both the columnist kibitzer or radio amateur variety and the real professionals. The amateurs have been bad enough, but the biggest boners of all have been pulled by those who from training, education and profession should really have been expert.

The English and French bet their national existence on the experting of their soldiers and sailors that they could hold Hitler on the Maginot line and outmaneuver him north of that. They pushed Poland into the storm and then tossed her to the wolves and left all the small nations of Europe (that had been advised by their own military experts to rely on allied strength) to be conquered in a few weeks.

The English experts bet that they could outfox Hitler on the Norwegian coast. They were wrong about that, too. Then Hitler's military high priests told him he could clean up the British Isles in 1940, but he is still at the channel ports.

Mussolini's mighty military men told him that Greece and North Africa were pushovers, and see what happened to him. Japan expected a tea party in China. She got it, but it was spiked with arsenic. Russia was advised by her professionals that she could swallow Finland at a gulp. That didn't happen and since Joe Stalin is more direct in his methods, he liquidated his experts and got some new ones. I don't know if they are any better.

The sciences of both tactics and armament have shifted too fast for the experts. There are too many imperishables in modern war. The basic principles of war never change, but military genius consists in applying them to new conditions and no such genius has yet appeared—no, not even Mr. Hitler's bright young men, notwithstanding their unparalleled conquests.

For example Mr. Winston Churchill now tells us that this is just a war of machines—ships and land mechanical monsters—and that we shall never have to mobilize great masses of men to go to Europe. I don't know whether war is no longer a matter of mass man power or not—and neither does Mr. Churchill. I only know it always has been. He is clicking pretty well on military matters just now, but it's doubtful whether any leader ever made so many military mistakes in the course of one lifetime and survived them as a public character.

**Household News**  
By *Eleanor Howe*



**THIS PUDDING FAIRLY SHOUTS 'TRY ME!'**  
(See Recipes Below)

**ADD ONE CUP OF IMAGINATION**

Once upon a time a friend told me that to her the addition of "one cup of imagination" was the most important ingredient that could be used in any recipe. So whole heartedly do I agree with her that today I want to give you a number of recipes to which that ingredient, imagination, has been added. In fact, so successfully has this been done that each of these recipes is different, yet each is delicious—each fairly shouts "Try me!"

These recipes, moreover, have been chosen as luncheon favorites because, of all of the meals of the day, the family luncheon some way seems to be most neglected. Take the baked apricot and tapioca pudding for example; have you ever before thought of serving a coffee sauce with such a pudding? Yet the blend of flavors which results from combining this particular pudding with this particular sauce is really delicious—long to be remembered.

**Sausage Stand-Up.**

- (Serves 4 to 6)
- 1 8-ounce package spaghetti (broken small)
- 1 pound breakfast sausages
- 3/4 cup minced onion
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- 4 tablespoons parsley (finely chopped)
- 1 can tomato paste (6-ounce)
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 cup grated cheese

Cook broken spaghetti in boiling water (6 cups) (1 teaspoon salt per quart water) until tender, about 20 minutes, then drain. Place sausage in skillet, add 1/4 cup of water and cook until nicely browned, about 15 minutes. Sauté onion, garlic, and parsley in sausage fat for 5 minutes, until onions are yellow and transparent. Remove from fat and combine with tomato paste and seasonings. Combine spaghetti with tomato sauce and turn into buttered casserole. Tuck sausages into spaghetti in upright position, so that just the end of each sausage shows. Sprinkle grated cheese over top and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 minutes.

**Baked Apricot and Tapioca Pudding**  
(Serves 6 to 8)

- 1/2 cup pearl tapioca
- 1/2 cup evaporated apricots or 2 cups canned apricots
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 3 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon butter

Soak pearl tapioca in cold water, to cover, for one hour. Wash apricots and place in a well-greased 1 1/2-quart heat-resistant glass casserole. Add sugar, salt, lemon juice and warm water. Drain tapioca; stir it into the fruit mixture in casserole and dot with bits of butter. Cover the dish and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 1 hour or until the tapioca parts are translucent. Cool, top with whipped cream, if desired, and serve with coffee sauce.

**Coffee Sauce.**

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot coffee, regular strength
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, if desired

Blend sugar, cornstarch and salt in the upper part of a 1-quart heat-resistant glass double boiler. Add coffee and cook until it thickens, stirring constantly. Blend in butter and nutmeg. Cool and serve with apricot and tapioca pudding.

**Hot Dogs in Blankets.**

When baking fresh yeast rolls, wrap strips of the dough around wieners, allowing the ends to stick out of their dough blanket. Give the dough time to double in bulk and bake as usual. These hot dogs in

blankets should be served piping hot.

**My Style Spaghetti.**  
(Serves 5 to 6)

- 1/2 cup olive oil
  - 1 small onion, chopped
  - 1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
  - 1 pound ground beef
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
  - 1 cup tomato puree
  - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
  - 1/2 cup grated cheese
  - 1 cup canned corn
  - 1/2 package spaghetti, cooked
- Heat olive oil in frying pan and add onion, green pepper and ground beef. Fry until brown and then add the salt, tomato puree, and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in the grated cheese together with the corn and cooked spaghetti. Place in buttered baking casserole and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for approximately 40 minutes.

- Honey All-Bran Spice Cookies.**  
(Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies)
- 1/4 cup shortening
  - 1/2 cup honey
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1 egg
  - 1 cup All-Bran
  - 1 1/2 cups flour
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon soda
  - 1/2 teaspoon cloves
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1 cup seedless raisins

Blend shortening, sugar and honey thoroughly. Add egg and beat until creamy. Add All-Bran. Sift flour once before measuring. Add salt, baking powder, soda, cloves and cinnamon. Combine with raisins. Add to first mixture and beat well. Drop dough by teaspoons on lightly greased baking sheet about 2 1/2 inches apart. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) about 12 to 15 minutes.

- Cheese Soup With Rice**  
(Serves 5)
- 1 cup cooked carrot (very finely diced)
  - 4 cups milk
  - 1 tablespoon chopped onion
  - 2 tablespoons butter
  - 2 tablespoons flour
  - 1 cup grated cheese
  - 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
  - 2 egg yolks
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
  - 1/2 cup rice (cooked)

Add carrot and onion to milk and scald. Melt butter in saucepan, add flour and blend to a smooth paste. Add milk gradually to flour mixture, stirring all the time. Add cheese, salt and pepper, stirring until cheese is melted. Pour over well-beaten egg yolks, stirring constantly. Serve at once with spoonful of hot cooked rice.

- Mexican Spaghetti.**  
(Serves 8 to 10)
- 1/2 pound spaghetti
  - 1 can peas (No. 2)
  - 1/2 pound raw ham (ground)
  - 1/2 pound American cheese (grated)
  - 1 can tomatoes (No. 2)
  - 1/2 cup green pepper (cut fine)
  - 1 tablespoon pimiento (cut fine)
  - 2 tablespoons butter (melted)
  - 2 tablespoons paprika
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 teaspoon pepper

**Bacon Strips**

Cook the spaghetti in boiling, salted water. Drain. In a baking dish arrange layers of spaghetti, peas, ground ham and cheese and combine tomatoes, green pepper, pimiento, butter, and seasonings. Pour over the spaghetti. Cover with grated cheese and top with bacon strips. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for one hour.

- Refrigerator Hamburgers.**  
(Serves 5)
- 1 pound hamburger
  - 2 tablespoons finely minced onion
  - 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
  - 1 tablespoon horseradish
- Mix all ingredients together, and shape into a roll 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Let stand in the refrigerator several hours or over night. When ready to use, cut in slices 1/4 inches thick and fry or broil as for regular hamburgers.

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**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

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**Lesson for March 9**

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**CHRIST REJECTED**

**LESSON TEXT**—Luke 20:9-20.  
**GOLDEN TEXT**—Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.—Matthew 5:11.

Rejection of Christ by Israel as a nation is pictured in our lesson. We know how the judgment of God has come upon that nation because of its failure to receive Him and believe on Him. God had to take the vineyard from them and give it to others (v. 16).

Men today reject Christ, and we find that the sin which causes them to do so and the judgment which follows are essentially the same as in the case of Israel. There is a reason for Christ rejection, and there is a certain time of answering to God for that sin.

**I. Why Men Reject Christ (vv. 9-15).**

Self-will, the very heart of all sin, underlies every refusal to let Christ have His rightful control over our lives. There are two forces which may dominate and direct my life—God's will or self-will. Just as love of God is the essence of all virtue (Matt. 22:37-38), so love of self is the essence of all sin.

The leaders of Israel, both political and religious, had one great fear which dominated all of their thinking concerning Jesus; namely, that they would lose all their authority if He were recognized by the people for what the leaders must have known Him to be—the Son of God, and their rightful King. God had entrusted to them as underservants the care of His vineyard, and in their wicked greed they had determined to have it all for themselves, even though it meant destroying the Son and rightful Heir.

We need only a moment's reflection to realize that this is exactly what occurs every time someone now rejects Christ. It is because in self-will that person decides that the one who has a right to his life is not to have it. There are many sins, but this is the root sin of them all.

**II. What Happens When Men Reject Christ (vv. 16-18).**

Judgment. It came to Israel, as all history even to this dark day so strikingly testifies. Just so, it will come to every one who rejects Christ.

It is not a slight matter of comparative unimportance whether a man accepts or rejects Christ. He likes to make it appear so, saying that it is just something about the local church that he does not like, or the preacher does not exactly suit him; or perchance he hides behind the time-worn excuse that there are hypocrites in the church, when in doing so he proves that he is himself the worst of hypocrites.

All of these excuses do not hide the fact that in self-will he is rejecting God's will for his life in Christ. At the end of that road he will have to meet the judgment of God upon sin. God reads the heart, knows the falsity of every excuse and the real rebellion against Christ, which may be hidden from fellow men by smooth words and polite manners.

Tear off that mask, unbelieving friend who may read these words. Face the truth that you are refusing Christ's authority because you are self-willed, and look squarely at the fact that "it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh the judgment" (Heb. 9:27. R. V.).

**III. How Men Reject Christ (vv. 19, 20).**

Deceit and treachery of the vilest kind marked the rejection of Christ by Israel's leaders. They feared the people, and lacking the authority to condemn Him themselves they had to obtain some evidence under which the Roman law would have to sentence Him. It is significant that they could not find one bit of real evidence against Him and had to proceed by trickery and treachery.

Christ rejection in our day is just as deceitful and treacherous, although it does not often appear so outwardly. As a matter of fact, the leaders of Israel were outwardly polite and careful. They sent spies who could "feign themselves to be just men." They "feared the people" and did not dare to speak openly against Him.

Men cover up their motives today. Some would wish to excuse themselves on the ground of lack of knowledge, but in our land at least that is largely their own choice. Others might say they have only been careless, but on what ground can one justify neglect of a life and death matter? Some blame the sins of professing Christians, but this is an individual matter—you must answer for your own soul.

No matter which way man may turn in seeking for an excuse for his rejection of Christ, if he is honest he will have to admit that he has dealt deceitfully with God. When he does that, he is ready in repentance and faith to take Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

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**Qualities of Prayer**

Prayer is the believer's comfort and support, his weapon of defense, his light in darkness, his companionship in solitude, his fountain in the desert, his hope and his deliverance.—Van Dyke.

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**Blush of Men**

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**Beginner Didn't Want Possibility to Be Wasted**

The instructor was teaching the awkward fellow to drive a car.

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"There's nothing useful I could do with my nose, is there?" inquired the beginner.

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**Circumstances**  
There are no circumstances, however unfortunate, that clever people do not extract some advantage from; and none, however fortunate, that the imprudent cannot turn to their own prejudice.—La Rochefoucauld.

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May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action. Don't Neglect It!

Modern life with its ceaseless hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking, exposure, contagion, whatnot, keeps doctors busy, hospitals crowded. The after effects are disturbing to the kidneys and oftentimes people suffer without knowing that disordered kidney action may cause the trouble.

After colds, fever and similar ills there is an increase of body impurities the kidneys must filter from the blood. If the kidneys are overtaxed and fail to remove excess acid and other harmful waste, there is poisoning of the whole system.

Symptoms of disturbed kidney function may be nagging backache, persistent headache, dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of strength and energy. Other signs of kidney or bladder disturbance sometimes are burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

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