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THE FOOD PINCH

The pinch already has been felt by
the people of the United States.
There is scarcely a family with an
income less than \$175 a month—and
practically all the people most of us
know have less than that—which
has not had to consider the flour and
meat pinches, eliminate desserts and
resort to the cheaper varieties of food.

Fortunately there still is time to
plant crops that will nourish man and
livestock during the summer and
winter. The little garden will help
out considerably, but the country is
depending more on the broad acres
than ever before. The profits will
be large, if one can judge from pre-
vailing prices.

The government may squeeze the
food speculators—the cutthroats in
trade—but this will not injure the
legitimate producer. It will enable
the consumer to live better or to live
at all.

Discussion of the war tax bill
won't hurt it any. It would be un-
commonly strange if the bill could not
be improved by criticism, though in
its basic principles it undoubtedly is
sound. The country should pay as it
goes as far as possible.

It is rumored that a score or more
of people thought it was funny when
they learned that a form had been
piled in this office. It was very good
of them of course, but they should
have seen what it was like.

Warmer weather is promised by
the middle of next week, and if the
weather man does not make good,
we'll call for the crawfish.

Colonel Roosevelt may yet lead two
divisions of American troops into the
war—and two divisions, if you do not
know, are about 40,000 men.

The Macedonian Offensive

That the allied offensive in Mace-
donia is something more than a spor-
adic outburst of activity is evident
from the reports of both sides. Equally
evident it is that the British, French,
Russians and Servians who form the
lines of the entente in the Near East
have gained initial successes. The question
is whether they can be maintained and
extended to a scale which may have a
determining effect upon the war.

The difficulty of prosecuting an off-
ensive in the near east is apparent. To
all the troubles which overseas expedi-
tionary warfare involves are added the
menace of the submarine in the Mediter-
ranean, with the ever present shortage
of shipping tonnage, and the natural ob-
stacles which a mountainous and unde-
veloped country offers to such a compli-
cated proceeding as operation of armies on
a large scale.

On the other hand, the advantages
of attacking in Macedonia are clear.
The Germans, who must furnish the
backbone of the Teutonic resistance,
are far from their own bases, and
besides, with the bitter struggle
waging on the western front, they
have other matters to think of. Take
the German stiffening out of the Teu-
tonic lines in the near east, and Aus-
tria, Bulgaria and Turkey, weaker
sisters of the central alliance, will
have a hard time maintaining them-
selves both as to material strength
on the firing line and moral resist-
ance to pressure behind them.

Too much must not be expected of
the new Saloniki offensive. It is a
very long way from the Greek border
to Vienna, and not such a short
distance from Macedonia to Sofia.
There will be more than a bloody
fighting yet before the entente forces
can seriously threaten either of
those cities, for Germany, whatever
her straits in the west, must contin-
ue to lend aid to her allies in the
near east. With the absolute neces-
sity of preventing a collapse there
German exertions may be expected to
develop the same degree of efficien-
cy that they brought about when
they saved Austria from a debacle
in the earlier days of the war.

Probably the best results that can
be expected from the allied offensive
are directly on Turkey and indirectly
on the Russian front. Taking the
latter consideration first, it is evi-
dent that a strongly pressed off-
ensive by the entente in Macedonia
will go a long way toward preventing
a concentration of Austrian and Ger-
man troops for a drive into southern
Russia, where so great a portion of
the natural resources of the nation
is to be found. It might altogether
prevent the attempt, and, if the at-
tempt were made to launch a Teu-
tonic drive into Becharabia, the fact

that the allies were hammering at
the lines to the south would cer-
tainly prove a grave handicap to the
success of such operation.

On Turkey the effect is more clear-
ly direct. To cut through to the
railway line between Vienna and Con-
stantinople is a much easier task than
to overrun all Bulgaria and to carry
the war across the Danube and the
Save into Austria. Once that rail-
road is cut, the Turkish empire will
be dealt a blow even worse than that
of the taking of Bagdad. Then indeed
will the power of the anachronistic
 Crescent realm feel the severest test.
It is altogether possible that a
great success for the allies in Mace-
donia would result eventually in
putting Turkey out of the war, open-
ing the Dardanelles, and giving to
the allied world the freedom of Rus-
sia's southern wheat storhouse.

All that, however, is in the future.
To count on such a consummation
as a certainty would be foolish, and
for America highly dangerous. The
most that can be said at present is
that the allies, with what purpose we
can not say definitely, whether for
a diversion or for a serious campaign,
have launched a considerable off-
ensive in the Balkans and are meeting
with success at the beginning. The
rest is veiled, as is everything about
this war except the necessity that the
American people prepare to do their
utmost in supplying men, food and
money to the nations whose cause we
have made our own.

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY
AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Mothers day, in heart and spirit,
was observed at the First Baptist
church yesterday, both in the Sunday
school and church services. Every
song, prayer and sermon seemed to
breathe the word "Mother." Beauti-
ful flowers were worn by every one
present. The Sunday school was well
attended.

At the 11 o'clock service, Rev.
Bradshaw read 15 verses of the 12th
chapter of Proverbs. His text was
the 7th verse. "The wicked are over-
thrown, and are not; but the house of
the righteous shall stand." His sub-
ject was "The Establishment of a
Righteous Home." He showed that
none of our homes were what they
should be. In the best homes, sor-
row, and disappointment often come.
To establish a righteous home, it is
necessary to have it: 1. Jesus 2. For-
bearance 3. Apology 4. Sacrifice. And
5. Love. These points he developed
with force and effect. And closed by
showing the part a christian mother
can take in the building of such a
home.

At the night service, his subject
was: "Look and Live." His text was
"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all
the ends of the earth, for I am God,
and there is none else"—Isaiah, 46-
22. He said the best and most im-
portant word in the dictionary was
the word, "saved," and the most hor-
rible is the word, "lost." He then
discussed how to be saved. 1. By
looking unto God. No other has the
power to save. 2. Who can look?
All who will can look. 3. When shall
I look? Today. Tomorrow only oc-
curs twice in the Bible, and then
more as a warning than as a hope.
The holy spirit was in all the ser-
vices. The key notes were: Moth-
er, home, heaven. J. F. C.

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exalted! The bitter old days of
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Eastbound
No. 36 Ar. Hickory 9:05 a. m.
No. 22 Ar. Hickory 12:00 noon.
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No. 16 Ar. Hickory 6:50 p. m.

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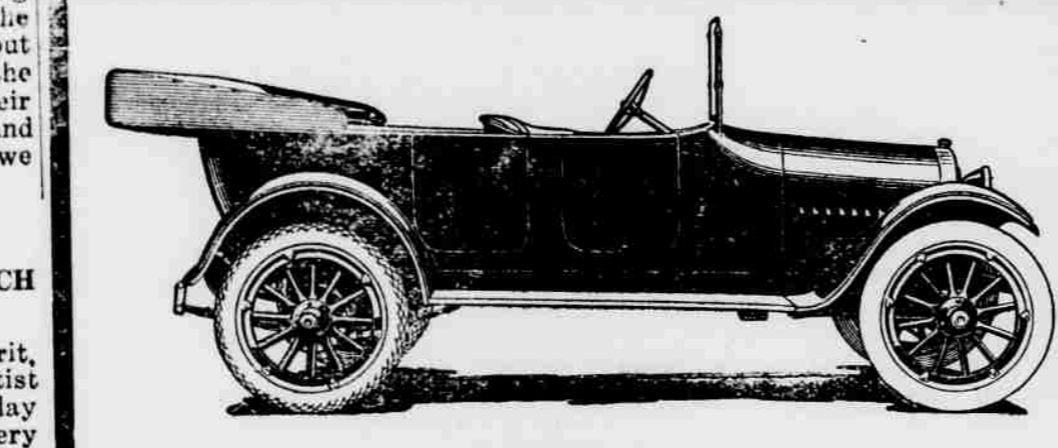
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