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Food Stored

There is another food investigation on the way and it promises to develop something that may be of much interest to the consumer. The Illinois State Board of Agriculture has found out that much larger quantities of food are now in storage than anyone knew about, unless it was the profiteers, and they are going to try and put some of that on the market in a way by which it is hoped prices will be lowered.

This includes butter, eggs, beef and pork, and the combined totals far exceed what the same storage plants held a year ago. That the export trade was getting the butter was insisted upon by dealers and that was given as the explanation of the high prices, so much of it was going abroad that there was not enough left for home consumption and, of course the price remained high.

Now comes the weekly report of the state board on stocks in storage, and it shows that the export shipments of butter have been much below the normal.

The women who met for organization against food profiteering are still convinced that jobbers are responsible for the local situation and they are going to assist the presentation of the food situation to the federal grand jury in the expectation that indictments will speedily follow.

The French Way

The French government seems to be doing something worth while to enable the people to meet the high cost of living. They have food stations there at which it is possible to get food at cost or even to obtain it if the purchaser has not the price, and an order has just been issued doubling the number of such stations. Then they have opened under government patronage a lot of low price restaurants and foodstuffs are being made available to the general public through co-operative associations.

The government, like ours, finds that it has a lot of foodstuffs to sell that were bought to feed the soldiers, and it is letting the people who paid for them have the first opportunity to buy these government stocks at greatly reduced prices. There is a hint here for home consumption.

A new under secretary has been appointed to have entire control of this food question, with power to prosecute the speculators.

His Eye On Funds

Count von Bernstorff of fragrant memory, says now that Germany should adopt a pro-American policy, forget imperialism and adopt the ideas of the league of nations. "There," he says, in an article in a weekly German paper, "the idea of the league of nations is a living one, and there, alone, are funds to be found."

One wonders whether he is most concerned with the ideas of the league or with the finding of these funds. He says that socialism is unpopular in the United States and that the principal champion of the league idea will be at the helm for another twenty months. That twenty months limit looks as though he could see the election of a Republican president to succeed President Wilson.

He says that if Germans wish to

cultivate friendly relations with this country they must convince Americans not only that militarism is dead but that the new Germany has no intentions of fostering a socialist world revolution.

That Surplus Food

With the present scale of prices it seems a ridiculous thing to even talk about surplus food, let alone consider the possibility of getting some. But the government has vast quantities of it stored right in Chicago and it is not outside the bounds of possibility that it may be sold in a way that the city or county may benefit, even though the individual does not.

The list includes canned vegetables, dried fruits and meats of all sorts. It was bought by the government with part of the money we subscribed to buy liberty bonds, but there is no chance of the individual benefitting by its sale. That is to be made in car load lots, and several communities have taken advantage of the low prices quoted. Cook county hopes to be able to buy a lot of it that can be used to advantage in the county institutions, and the city is trying to get some of it too.

Double In Price

Now it is the men's tailors who say that by next summer men will have to pay one hundred per cent more for garments if they are to be in style. The soldier boys back from France complain that they are charged nearly double the prices they paid before the war for their civilian clothes. The explanation some of them give for wearing their uniforms is that they cannot afford to buy "cits" at present prices. If they have to stand another doubling in price a whole lot of them will be tempted to go back to job leaves.

Too Many Censors

In Chicago they are adding the aldermen to the bathing beach censors. They got the police all tangled up in it until Chief Garrity had to throw up his hands, and now they have it in council committees that are taking evidence and trying to decide what is the proper thing in bathing costumes. One alderman defended the attire of the women and insisted that if an attempt was to be made to hide nether limbs the effort should include the men as well as the women.

Daylight Saving

After we had become all "fussed up" about the daylight saving law and given to understand that congress was going to repeal the act in spite of the presidential objection, comes the news that it is now a fixture. Congress has apparently abandoned the attempt to bring the question up again, and the law stands just where it did. It is only the farmers who are concerned about it now, and the politicians who see in the president's veto some good campaign material.

THE CHOICE

By Ruyard Kipling

The American Spirit Speaks:
 To the Judge of Right and Wrong
 With Whom fulfillment lies,
 Our purpose and our power belong,
 Our faith and sacrifice.

Let Freedom's land rejoice!
 Our ancient bonds are riven;
 Once more to us the eternal choice
 Of good or ill is given.

Not at a little cost,
 Hardly by prayer or tears,
 Shall we recover the road we lost
 In the drugged and doubting years.

But after the fires and the wrath,
 But after searching and pain,
 His Mercy opens us a path -
 To live with ourselves again.

In the Gates of Death rejoice!
 We see and hold the good—
 Bear witness, Earth, we have made
 our choice
 For Freedom's brotherhood.

Then praise the Lord Most High,
 Whose strength has saved us whole,
 Who bade us choose that the Flesh
 shall die,
 And not the living Soul!

The man who looks at the bottom of his purse for his savings usually finds no money there.

PICNIC PARTIES ARE CALLED BIG NUISANCE

Lake Avenue Residents Enter Complaint of Paper-Littered Streets Following Beach Affairs

SAY VILLAGE RESPONSIBLE

Declare They Are Weary of Cleaning Parkways In Trail of Miscreant Picnickers

Residents along beautiful Lake avenue are proud of their street. There is keen rivalry evidenced by the householders in the maintenance of verdant, closely-cropped lawns, splendid flower beds and neatly trimmed shrubbery. Now the residents on that particular thoroughfare have declared war on careless picnickers and bathers at the Wilmette bathing beach.

"Tired of Cleaning Up" "We are tired of cleaning up parkways and lawns littered with cracker-jack and lunch boxes and remnants of newspapers," declares Mrs. E. H. Yonkers, Sheridan road and Lake avenue, who has come to the fore in complaint of the deplorable condition. "I think the Village officials should attend to this matter at once and rid the village of this nuisance. It is to the interest of the community to keep this and other streets clear of picnic litter. They should assist residents who have taken it upon themselves to clean up the parkways in the trail of the miscreant picnickers."

The condition in Lake street, it is said, applies alike to other of the Village streets leading to the park at the Lake front, as well as to the park and beach itself. Repeated complaints have been made to Village officials and particularly to the police, without apparent result. It is expected the matter will be brought formally to the attention of the Village Board by a group of representative householders at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Strangers Are Offenders Most of the offenders are out of town pleasure seekers, it is said, who, after concluding their stay at the beach and park, cast the remains of their banquets to the "four winds of heaven" without consideration for the residents in the vicinity.

THE REVELERS

'Tis Spring! neath azure dome of cloudless blue—the feast is spread, While through the gorgeous curtains tasseled, fringed sun beams o'er head. One scarce can dream that oaks so gnarled and strong, majestic tall, Could ever be so daintily arranged and mystical; Now from afar we hear the merry throng fast drawing near, As lovely music echoes everywhere, with accents clear.

Heading them all there comes a youngscape grace lusty and bold, Who calls back to the crowd—"Eat, Eat! Eat! before its cold." One can't mistake his peaked cap and suit of blue and gray, Or his aggressiveness, for any one but,—Sir Blue Jay; Close at his heels a red capped drummer comes in brilliant dress— Sir Wood-Pecker—attired in black and white, who calls "to mess." And then a singer of most gorgeous mien, anon we hear— As Lord of Baltimore, the oriole, at length draws near; While with clear bell-like tones that echo far like mission chime, Sir Thrush, with Friar's cloak o'er speckled vest arrives betime; And still another glides among the throng silent and shy Sir Blackbird in his glossy satin suit, crafty of eye.

But good friend Robin, herald of them all in early spring, Quite unconcerned goes on his merry way nor deigns to sing, Keeps his bright eyes intently on his prey, nor turns his head. For this May breakfast, spread for songsters all, is merely bread. E. L.

NEW EATING HOUSE OPENS AT 1161 WILMETTE AVENUE

"The Yates Cafe," designed to be a first class restaurant, opened for business this week at 1161 Wilmette avenue, in the Brown building. The new eating house is conducted by F. N. Yates.

The restaurant will make a specialty of "business men's luncheons," family chicken dinners on Sundays and regular six o'clock dinners daily.

BICYCLE THIEF WORKS ON MID-FORENOON JOB

Theft of a bicycle from the private garage of the E. H. Yonkers home at 911 Sheridan road, was perpetrated in broad daylight last Saturday morning. The garage has a direct exit to the street and the wheel was taken without detection. Police were notified of the daring theft.

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