

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY

Dependence on the United States for Bread and Meat Clearly Shown.

UNCLE SAM AS BUTCHER AND BAKER

Size of England's Food Bill and the Amount Paid to Foreign Countries—Market for American Supplies.

If the United States were to suddenly stop the present regular shipments of breadstuffs and meats to England, says a writer in Harper's Weekly, it would be a few weeks at the most before the United Kingdom would be suffering from the direct famine, for the United States has England at her mercy in that most vital point in a nation's life—its food supply.

During the last year England bought of other countries \$200,000,000 worth of meat and \$225,000,000 worth of wheat. The total value of the enormous bill for bread and meat about 60 per cent, or \$255,000,000, was paid to the United States. In the same period the English people consumed all the meat they raised themselves and bought from foreign countries. In addition, 570,000 head of live cattle, 663,000 head of live horses and 1,650,000,000 pounds of meat slaughtered abroad.

The part played by the United States in this great trade is, as shown, most important. This is not only because of the enormous amount of money which comes to this country from the sale of material, but because of the extent of the employment paid for American labor engaged in preparing the material for market.

It must be remembered that all live sheep and cattle imported into England must be slaughtered within ten days of their landing. This is done for the alleged protection of the British farmer, though the idea is apparently illogical and absurd.

It seems remarkable that England, a country great because of its commercial enterprise and heretofore, should have allowed itself to drift into the dependent position of a new country in relation to the United States. No other country has sufficient surplus to supply England's needs, but with all her colonial possessions, it might have been possible for England to have developed her own resources.

Converting all of England's most important live weight they amount to a yearly consumption of food to the value of \$200,000,000 a day. Compared with the year before there was a decrease in the daily consumption of ninety-five head of cattle, but

Free to the Ruptured.

Dr. W. S. Rice, the Well Known Authorities Send Free to All. Any One Can Now Cure Themselves at Home Without Pain, Danger, Operation or an Hour's Loss of Time from Work.

To the thousands upon thousands of ruptured people who are torturing themselves with trusses and in momentary expectation of death from strangulation Dr. W. S. Rice, 512 L. Main street, New York, has discovered a new method that has saved so many men and women and children and the maximum \$500.000 (about \$2000). In 1898 the accounts numbered 2,500,000, with deposits of \$100,000,000.

As increase of 298 sheep and 384 hogs. The decrease in the consumption of cattle is due to the greater decrease in the home market of the United States, and consequent higher prices. This is the reason for the scarcity of meat in the British market last year, and is an excellent illustration of the direct dependence of the British public upon the United States for the staples of its daily meal.

The point of greatest interest to Americans in considering the future of this meat trade with England is the remarkable development of South America as a possible rival. While the relative percentage of meat which goes to England from there is still small, it is rapidly increasing in quality as well as quantity.

The price of meat is governed by the number of cattle and sheep in existence and the British meat experts are already figuring closely and anxiously upon the world's supply and the prospects for the future. In these figures they find nothing to indicate lower prices on the contrary, they find good basis for the belief that meat will become even dearer than it is now.

A suspension of commercial relations with England would have a disastrous effect upon the American grain and meat market, but such suspension could not last long, for despite her great naval and military power, England is weak at her base of supplies.

The present volume and extent of the savings banks of the world when it is stated that the deposits of these institutions are \$376,035,000,000, and the average per capita in the United States of \$20.75.

Over 80 per cent of the savings banks and savings deposits of the United States are in the New England states. This fact is accounted for by some on the ground that the people in that section are more thrifty than in other parts, but the advocates of postal savings banks say that the people of the south and west would be equally saving if they were given the opportunity and the encouragement which the postal savings bank affords.

Table with 2 columns: Countries, Depositors, Deposits. Includes Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, etc.

The most notable and satisfactory feature of the statistics is the enormous amount of deposits in the savings banks of the United States, not only relatively, but actually, being almost 28 per cent of the aggregate of the savings banks of the world.

The postal savings bank system is in operation in England, France, Netherlands, Sweden, Austria-Hungary, Italy, India, Canada and a number of English colonies, but nowhere does it attain the importance, either in magnitude of transactions or relatively to other savings institutions in those countries than it does in Great Britain.

The quietest way to break up a cold. I have used many makes of patent medicines and many always with some good results, says Mr. Henry Hoover of Broken, Pa., but the most satisfactory and most powerful in the results for colds and coughs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will break up a cold in less than any other remedy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Through somebody's carelessness a lot of the big twelve inch rifle cannon which were to form an important part of the defense of Puget sound and to be located at Fort Flieger, Wash., have been injured to an extent that may impair their usefulness.

ANOTHER MEMBER IN THE NET

Testimony of Secretary Gillan Futs A. W. Johnson in Bad Light.

Information is Used for Selfish Ends

Gillan Takes Stand in Effort to Show that He Was Not Concerned in the Alleged Tampering with Official Envelopes.

At the meeting of the Board of Education investigating committee yesterday the mask was torn from the features of another member of the board, leaving only those of the old majority with official honor sullied.

Information Used to Advantage. As the secretary passed through the hall to the board's chamber on the night of the award he testified in writing to Member Johnson, who made some remark regarding the seat-cleaning contract.

After entering the chamber Johnson prepared a bid of 54 cents in the name of his brother-in-law and sent it to the secretary by the messenger. The bid was read aloud and with others was declared the lowest.

Secretary J. M. Gillan then made a valiant attempt to clear his own skirts of any charge of unfair dealing. He testified that he was satisfied that envelopes containing bids for slate blackboards and other materials were opened while in the custody of the secretary.

These envelopes were addressed in each case to Secretary Gillan and bore the return cards of the Bangor Excelsior Slate company, Easton, Pa.; the Providence Slate company, Providence, R. I.; the Northwest State company, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Davidson, in charge of the postoffice secret service at St. Louis.

Secretary Gillan failed to produce an explanation for the envelope of the Northwest State company. He said that the inscription, "Mr. Boardboards," might have been written subsequent to its receipt in his office.

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COUNCIL FIXES NEW LEVY

Assessment is Made Twenty-Eight Mills for All Purposes

SCHOOL BOARD'S UNEXPECTED DEMAND

Asks that Additional Five Mills Be Levied to Make Up Its Old Judgment—Total Amount Slightly Under One Million Dollars.

For three hours yesterday the council bagged over the new levy, discussing at length the needs of each fund and its relation to statements by various heads of departments. The amount of the levy was finally fixed at 24 mills, the 4-mill school board levy bringing the total to 28 mills.

The sensational incident of the morning was the appearance of Attorney Herring demanding for the Board of Education a levy of 5 mills in addition to the 4 mills named in their formal estimate.

Councilman Barkley said that if the school board determined on a levy of such an amount it should have been included in the formal estimate. The responsibility for the increased levy would then have been borne by the school board and not by the council.

Immediately Following the Hearing of Holmes Louis K. and Lettie Harding Are Pined on Trial for Receiving Stolen Goods.

A jury in Judge Baker's court says he did not steal Railroad Brass.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 7.—Word has been received by the Department of Indian Affairs and by the police authorities of fresh trouble among the Indians of Upper Laid. Seven members of a Scotch-Indian family named McTavishes are believed to have been murdered.

INDIANS ARE TROUBLEOME. Murder a Family Accused of Witchcraft—Officer and Possessive Disappear.

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THE MORTALITY IN BUENOS AIRES, which never exceeds forty daily, reached 150 during the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

BIENOS AIRES, Feb. 7.—The residents of Buenos Ayres have never experienced such intense heat as that of Saturday, Sunday and yesterday.

ENGLAND SEEKS COMPENSATION. LONDON, Feb. 7.—The officials of the United States embassy deny that any negotiations in regard to Alaska are proceeding between Lord Salisbury and Mr. Choate.

IF DREXEL L. SHOOMAN. Was a politician he would get every vote cast in Omaha—his lineage so popularly by the kind of shoes he sells.

WHAT DO THE CHILDREN DRINK? Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O?

OMAHA'S UP-TO-DATE SHOE HOUSE. 1418 FARNAM STREET.

MOTOR CAR RUNS DOWN A BOY

Seven-Year-Old Youth is Probably Fatally Injured at Thirty-Eighth and Farnam Streets.

Charles Stanton, 7 years old, who lives at 3228 Dodge, was run down by a street car at Thirty-eighth and Farnam streets at 11:45 a. m. yesterday and severely injured.

The boy was returning from school. At Thirty-eighth street he started to cross Farnam. Cars were approaching from both directions. He ran a few yards after a west-bound car and then stepped upon the track to the left, not seeing the eastbound car a few rods farther up the track.

Judge Lake Discovers Document of Rare Historical Interest and Leaves It at Court House.

Judge George B. Lake filed in the office of the registrar of deeds on Wednesday a document of rare historical interest.

FOOTPAUS CAUGHT REDHANDED. Police Officer Lahey Overhears Their Plans and is Present to Make the Arrest.

As Officer Lahey stood in a doorway on East Farnam street shortly before daylight yesterday he overheard a conversation between two men as they descended the stairs from their rooming house.

FINED FOR CRUELTY TO WIFE. In Police Court S. C. Goodwin Pays the Penalty for Mistreatment of His Family.

S. C. Goodwin, cooper, living at 1610 North Twenty-eighth street, was fined \$25 and costs in police court yesterday for abusing and threatening his family.

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HAYDEN'S TEN-DAY PIANO SALE. Another record breaking sale in our piano department. This large department is now loaded to its utmost capacity.

For the want of more room we are compelled to sell a large number of pianos regardless of price. Some of these instruments have been slightly used, and will be closed out at ridiculously low prices.

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Music and Art. A. HOSPE, 1513 Douglas. If Drexel L. Shoeman. Was a politician he would get every vote cast in Omaha—his lineage so popularly by the kind of shoes he sells.