

American Banker in from Berlin Asserts There is Plenty to Eat and prices Are About Normal.

NOT EVEN A DREAM OF DEFEAT

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, April 23.—An American banker who has just returned from Berlin talked with a party of English newspaper men on his arrival in London. He gave them rather a different idea of the state of affairs in Berlin than that conveyed by most of the English newspaper comment. He said: "You English should not be deceived by newspaper statements reaching you from various continental points to the effect that Germany is on the brink of starvation. I have just closed my house in the fashionable residential part of Berlin. My household budget was not more than 25 per cent higher March 16 than it was a year ago. Various staple articles of food cost more—as they do in London—but hardly one is beyond the reach of the ordinary middle class householder, or even of the humble classes. Everybody must have a bread ticket, and there is no shortage of bread. My family of four and two servants never used the whole of our tickets for the week. The potato flour bread is only slightly less palatable than the old-time wheaten loaf.

Not Dreaming of Defeat.

"At present no German is capable even of dreaming of the possibility of defeat. I find also a vast amount of foolish misapprehension in England about industrial conditions in Germany. Trade does not seem to me to have been materially dislocated. The shops appear to have their regular flow of customers. The coffee houses, the restaurants, the theaters, the concert halls, the picture palaces and other establishments dependent on public patronage seem to be doing as well as a slight months ago. The coffee houses which have catered are always crammed. "Is it generally understood here that Germany is at the moment short of artisan labor? Unemployment is almost non-existent. Wages are high. A skilled man who used to get only \$1 or \$1.25 a day can now earn \$2.50 or \$3. Everything connected with the output of munitions is working at utmost capacity day and night, Sundays and holidays, without cessation. New factories have sprung up like mushrooms to produce goods heretofore imported into Germany.

Women Making Shrapnel.

"A German friend of mine who used to make furniture and found his business temporarily shelved by the war is now making shrapnel, employing women and girls in place of the men who have gone to the front.

"It is also wrong to conclude, as I sometimes read in the English newspapers, that Germany is so near the verge of the resources that boys of 15 are being dragged into the army. Nothing of the sort. A German boy of my acquaintance, a fine athletic fellow of 18, has not been summoned, although he is ready to volunteer. They do not need him.

"In short, to the casual observer, there is no outward sign that Germany is on the verge of a famine in either men, provisions, munitions or money. The plentifulness of money is almost the only bluff that Germany is putting up. The money so plentifully in circulation is paper currency of value as low as 25 cents, flowing from the imperial treasury like water.

"The German, in my judgment, thanks to fastidious precautionary measures and natural frugality, can never be starved into surrender. They can be inconvenienced—they are now—but that is a different thing."

Panama Canal is One of the Expo's Greatest Shows

A visit to the Panama-Pacific exposition would be incomplete without viewing the reproduction of the great isthmian waterway, the completion of which is now through the medium of the present fair. It is one of the wonders of the exposition.

The original canal and the surrounding zone territory have been reproduced in miniature form, so accurately one can almost imagine that he is taking an aeroplane trip over the Isthmus of Panama. A bird's-eye view of the entire country is obtained as the moving platform slowly conveys one over the five-acre tract of land upon which has been constructed this clever piece of engineering work.

The topography of the Canal zone is laid out in accordance with the character of the soil, and as the panorama painted by the scenic artist blends harmoniously with the other work, one obtains a view of 500 square miles of territory in making the half-hour journey.

In perfect comfort one can watch the entrance of a ship at the Pacific side and see it glide apparently under its own power, through the Miraflores and Pedro Miguel locks, between the great mountains of dirt at Culebra Cut, through the Gatun lake and locks and out into the Atlantic ocean by way of Colon harbor and Limon bay. During this entire trip each point of interest is described by means of a telephonic-phonographic invention whereby the onlooker listens to a vivid account through duplex telephone receivers which are attached to each chair.

Throne for Queen Is Built by Co-Eds

So important do the co-eds of the University of Omaha consider the May queen who is to be crowned at the annual gala day festival May 14 on the school campus that they have set about the construction of a large throne. Masculine assistance has been summoned so far. The work is under charge of Miss Olga Andersen, a sophomore, who will also have charge of the May polo dancers.

Considerable interest has been shown by the student body in the outcome of the election which has been in progress the last week to choose the May queen. The result will be announced next week. The co-ed who takes second place in the voting will also be honored with the position of maid of honor. Both of these places are filled by either juniors or seniors.

Every class, society and organization has been hard at work during the last three weeks arranging for the festivities. The afternoon events will take place in the university gymnasium at Twenty-fourth and Pratt streets. At the evening performance the queen will be the guest of honor.

Read The Bee's "Business Chances" and get into your own business.

Art Needlework
Bucilla and Royal Society Mercerized Cordonnets Crochet Cotton—White and 7c
Embroidered Envelope Pillow Cases—All ready embroidered on "Fruit of the Loom" muslin. All initials. \$1.19
Pair Stamped Pillow Cases on Tubing—19c
Neat designs, Reg. 50c values, a pr.

Art Needlework
American Beauty Packages—With floss. Baby pillows, sofa pillows, scarfs and underwear. 50c and 75c packages. 19c
Saturday, each
We are closing out all Brainard and Armstrong's Best Wash Embroidery Silks—Regular price 3 skeins for 10c. Saturday, a skein 1 1/2c

What's New in Spring Top Coats?



The question is answered fully and authoritatively in our showing of coats for this season—garments of unquestionable correctness, in distinctive styles and excellence of tailoring.

Special Sale for Saturday

Choice of a big lot of fine coats of every style—Sport Coats, Dress Coats, Auto Coats and Street Coats—Every good color and material. Many are simple and odd coats made to sell as high as \$20.00. Specially priced, at—

\$11.98

Choice of a splendid assortment of Fine Coats for every service. All are of the very latest models and include many full silk lined garments. Popular materials, such as golfines, gabardines, chin-chillas, serges, etc. The colors are all popular ones and many are made to sell as high as \$15.00, at—

\$8.98

New Silk Summer Dresses, \$10.00
The season's very latest demands are silks for summer. We have a very excellent assortment of nobby, dressy taffeta and crepe meteor dresses, made with all the smart cuts of the coming season, special \$10

New Tailored Suits, \$25.00
A special lot of Tailored Suits of the late summer models just at hand. We offer these new ideas along with our regular stock of smart up-to-date tailor made suits, many that are worth to \$49.00, at \$25

Special Offerings in Children's Coats and Dresses



The coming graduations and confirmations will require the new smart white dresses for the young miss. A very pretty showing of new models will be offered at \$5, \$6.98, \$10.00, \$15.00 and up to \$22.50

The materials are nets, organdies, lawns, batiste, voiles, etc. They are trimmed with the daintiest sheer laces and embroideries and ribbons.

Girls' Colored Wash Dresses

Practical and serviceable school and every day dresses, made of good chambrays, ginghams, tussahs, voiles, percales, linens and Repps. Special values at \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$5

Children's Colored Dresses

In the new suspender and guimpe effects. Pretty checks and plaids, good wash colors in plain and fancy styles. Specially priced \$1.50

Girls' School Coats

A fine lot of girls' top coats for cool days, in checks and plaids, nobby trimmed and tailored effects. Large belts, collars and cuffs. All colors. Special Saturday, choice for \$3.45

Boys! Blue Serge Day! Boys' New Department--Third Floor

Blue Serge Suits, with Two Pair of Pants, at \$4.50

200 strictly all-wool Blue Serge Suits that are worth to \$7.50, made in a snappy new model, cut full and roomy; patch pockets with flaps, double pleat front with watch pocket under pleat. Four pleats in back; lined with splendid serge lining.

Two Pairs of Pants With Each Suit

Fully lined with extra fine gray twill. Tabs on pockets, watch pocket; buttons on bottom of hand. They are cut full to allow plenty of blouse.

Parents, these are worth to \$7.50, and will be sold Saturday only at this price \$4.50

For the Big Boys

A Special Blue Serge Lot, in Long Trousers Suits

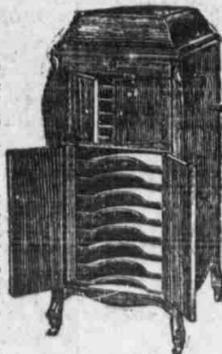
Strictly All-Wool Splendid Weight Blue Serge Suits with long trousers. Choice of either patch pocket models or plain coat styles. Ages 14 to 18 years. Positively worth \$10. Special Saturday, \$7

Clean-Up of Boys' Spring Coats and Hefters

All broken lots of boys' coats made in double-breasted, Norfolk and a few Balmacaan styles, in fancy mixtures, plain grays and tans; also black and white checks. These coats are worth to \$5.00. Ages 2 1/2 to 8 years. Specially priced for Saturday, each \$2



Victor-Victrola NEW STYLE XI, OUR PRICE, \$100



This instrument has all the latest features of the highest priced Victor-Victrolas, including automatic stop, tilting motor, improved tone chamber, horizontal shelves for holding record albums, etc.

Our stock is complete. Come in and select the case that matches your furniture.

Our Record Service is nearest perfection.

EASY PAYMENTS IF DESIRED

VICTROLA DEPT., POMPEIAN ROOM

Wall Paper Bargains For Sat.

Room-lot sale of new Spring Wall Papers for Saturday. Enough to cover a room 12x14x9 feet high.

\$1.35 Worth for 73c

Consisting of 10 rolls of Wall Paper, 6 rolls of Ceiling Paper and 18 yards Border—Suitable for bedrooms and kitchens. Special Saturday, lot 73c

\$2.25 Worth for \$1.42

Consisting of 10 rolls of Wall Paper, 6 rolls of Ceiling Paper and 18 yards Border—Suitable for living rooms, library, dining rooms and bedrooms. Lot \$1.42

\$3.25 Worth for \$1.98

Consisting of 10 rolls of Wall Paper, 6 rolls of Ceiling Paper and 18 yards Borders; also several crown effects. Extra quality paper, worth \$4.25. Saturday, the lot \$1.98

\$5.35 Worth for \$3.20

Plain Outmeal Papers—30 inches wide. Brown, green, tan and red, with Cut-out Borders—Enough paper to cover 12x14 room, 9 feet high. Regularly worth \$5.35. Special Saturday, lot \$3.20

In the China Department

Colonial Dinner Sets, \$3.88

White and gold dinnerware possesses the quality of harmonizing with a room decorated in any colors. This set is made of pure white porcelain, treated with gold band; modeled in our new 1915 Colonial shape. \$3.98 Specially priced, set.

Automobile Lunch Sets

The body is made of heavy basewood, covered with enameled duck, complete with knives, forks, etc. Just the thing for long drives, picnics, etc. Prices from \$5.45 to \$22.50. Special discount of 3 1/2 per cent from our regular prices Saturday. Etched Gold Table Tumblers—Bell or straight shapes, beautifully finished. Special Saturday, each 5c

Cut Glass Vase, 12 inches tall, beautifully finished in our new floral cutting, each \$3.95

Brandeis Stores May Sale

We have always aimed to excel in our semi-annual sales of Muslin it is naturally expected of us that this May Sale should not only exceed our efforts. It has taken several months' effort to assemble here the lo

\$1.00

A lot of 3,000 garments, including gowns, skirts, envelope Chemise, corset covers, combinations, etc.—Soft lingerie cloths with dainty laces, embroideries and ribbons.

\$1.45

Wonderful values in the most practical of pretty lingerie, about 2,000 garments in the lot to select from. Every style and size needed.



Special Lots

Corset Covers—Worth to 35c, ea. 18c

Drawers—Worth to 35c, pair 18c

Brassieres—Worth to 25c, each 18c

Corset Covers—Worth to 50c, ea. 25c

Drawers—Worth to 50c, pair 25c

Gowns—Worth to 50c, each 37c

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Children's and Misses' Gowns, Skirts, Envelope Combinations and Drawers—Daintily trimmed with laces and embroideries. Many styles. Choice for 39c

Children's Wear

Drawers—Worth to 15c, pair 9c

Ideal Waists—Worth to 25c, ea. 18c

White Skirts—Worth to 25c, ea. 18c

Infants' Slips—Worth to 35c, ea. 18c

Rompers—Worth to 35c, a pair 18c

Wash Gingham Skirts—Worth to 25c each 18c

Children's and Misses' Gowns, Skirts, Envelope Combinations and Drawers—Daintily trimmed with laces and embroideries. Many styles. Choice for 39c

French American Undergarments

Crepe Gowns and Crepe Envelope Chemise—A special lot made of good crepe, lace and embroidery trimmings; cut full. Special Saturday, choice for 45c

Marcella Drawers—One lot of several styles. Regular 75c to \$1.25 69c

Odd Sample Gowns—A manufacturer's samples that are slightly soiled and mused from showing. Worth to \$10.00. Special Saturday, your unrestricted choice for \$3.69

Double Panel Skirts and Drawers—A special lot, with embroidered scallops and sprays. Worth to 75c. 33c

Special at 37c

Special Lot of Gingham Wash Skirts—About 30 dozen striped wash gingham skirts, made to retail at 75c. Specially priced at 37c

Saturday, your unrestricted choice for \$3.69

Candy Specials for Saturday

Special Old-Fashioned Black Walnut Taffy—pound 25c

Opera Cream Fruit Roll—rolled in pecan nuts. Special Saturday, a pound 25c

Cream Dipped Brazil Nuts—vanilla flavor, pound 39c

Crisp Yankee Peanut Brittle a pound 10c

Take home a box of our luscious Pompeian Chocolate Bitter Sweets and Swiss Style Milk Chocolates—fruit and nut centers. Special Saturday, lb 29c

Underwear and Hosiery

Women's Venetian Silk Vests—With shield reinforcement; crochet beading tops, silk ribbon tapes. Pink and white. Regular \$1.50 values, special, each \$1.00

Something Very New—Women's Mercerized Lisle Hose, with Fancy Colored Boots—A real novelty. All full seamless; spliced heels and toes. Regular 35c quality, at 25c

Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose—Black, white and colors. All full fashioned, reinforced soles, heels and toes; wide garter welt. Worth to \$1.00, a pair 59c

Women's Sheer Lisle Union Suits—Nu-shape cuff and umbrella knee styles. Sizes 4, 5 and 6. Suit 50c

Women's Kayser Knit Vests—Swiss ribbed, dainty crochet yokes in various designs. Sizes 4, 5 and 6. Regular 50c quality, each 39c

Children's Fine and Medium Weight Ribbed Hose—Black, sky, red, pink and white. Double knees, heels and toes. Regular 35c quality. Saturday, pair 12 1/2c

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Gowns, Combination Suits, Drawers, Envelope Chemise, Corset Covers and Skirts—Dainty lace and embroidery trimmings.

Bag Sale Saturday



Every bag is Real Seal, Real or Real Morocco, values \$10.00; your choice Saturday

This is the best sale and best years. All are new bags in the some silk lined, other leather

Wonderful \$1.00

Don't miss this sale

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