

BREAD RATION IN FRANCE CUT IN HALF

Food Administrator Issues Summary of World Survey of Crop Conditions; Are Generally Unsatisfactory.

Bread rationing in France has been reduced from one pound to one-half pound per day, owing to light supplies of wheat and weather unfavorable for planting.

Canada. The Ontario potato yield is about normal. There are still considerable quantities to be harvested, in some sections as much as 25 per cent of the crop.

Australia. Excessive rains prevailing are unfavorable to crop conditions. Prospects are fair, but wheat acreage is reduced 25 per cent.

India. Weather is still unfavorable for plowing and seeding, which is below normal. Interior supplies of wheat remain liberal and port stocks large, but flaxseed has preference in exports.

Russia. Seeding has stopped, with wheat acreage materially less than last year. Scarcity of wheat prevails in large centers due to inadequate transportation facilities.

United Kingdom. Weather continues unfavorable for agriculture.

France. Weather is unfavorable for planting and movement of crops; supplies are light. Bread rationing has been reduced from one pound to half a pound per day.

Italy. Unfavorable weather and scarcity of labor and seed are retarding agriculture. Supplies are small and bread rationing has been reduced.

Holland. The potato crop is exceptionally good; unofficially it is estimated at about 100,000,000 bushels, which is a superabundance for Holland's less than 7,000,000 people.

Germany. Neutral advice confirm a poor harvest of wheat and excellent yield of potatoes.

Scandinavia. Harvesting finished with yield poor and quality unsatisfactory. Supplies will generally suffice until January.

South Africa. Wheat acreage has increased 23 per cent and oats increased 3 per cent. Crop prospects good; importation will not be necessary.

New Zealand. The government has been authorized to purchase the 1917-18 wheat crop at \$1.41 per bushel.

Bermuda. The yield of potatoes planted this fall will equal and perhaps exceed last year's crop, which was 30,667 bushels.

Deaths Reported in American Army in France

Washington, Dec. 14.—General Pershing today reported to the War Department the following deaths from natural causes:

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE M. ANDERTON, engineer, December 9, on board United States transport, tubercular meningitis, Alexandria, Va.

SERGEANT PAUL JORDAN, quartermaster corps, December 10, injuries resulting from motorcycle accident, Lavonia, Ga.

PRIVATE HAROLD VARNER, marines, December 9, pneumonia, address not given.

ABLE SEAMAN JAN HENDRIX BRAAFHART, United States steamship Berwind, December 11, lobar pneumonia, address not given.

PRIVATE MAURICE I. CAPRON, coast artillery corps, December 9, natural causes, Nashvank, Minn.

Prepare Training School For Army Surgeons

Fort Riley, Kan., Dec. 14.—It is expected that approximately 1,500 doctors will attend the training school for army physicians and surgeons, which will be opened soon at Fort Riley army post.

More than 1,500 army physicians and surgeons have been trained at Fort Riley during the last six months and sent to various stations in America and France. The school to be opened soon will be on a much larger scale.

Revision of Copper Prices Now Being Considered

Washington, Dec. 1.—Revision of copper prices was taken up here today by producers and the war industries board.

Steel manufacturers who conferred with the board on Monday met today with the federal trade commission, which has been investigating production cost on which new steel prices probably will be based.

Felix Calonder Elected President of Switzerland

Berne, Dec. 14.—Felix Calonder, vice president of the republic and head of the interior, Thursday was elected president of Switzerland for 1918. He received 176 votes.

Halifax Now Controls Relief Situation

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 14.—With the relief situation so well in hand that its services no longer were required, the Massachusetts unit, first on the ground here after the great fire and explosion, went home today.

The departure of the delegation, members of the general committee, declared, meant that the city of Halifax, profiting by its help and its counsel, was prepared now to handle its own problem. The big public funeral service planned for today was postponed until Monday because of the difficulty of opening graves, due to the continued cold.



THOMPSON-BELDEN'S THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Filled With Substantial Gift Things That Linger Long in the Memory. Something From THOMPSON-BELDEN'S Will Go Into More Homes This Season Than Ever Before. There is Genuine Satisfaction in Christmas Shopping Here---Any Day and All Day. Only a Short Time Left

BUY WAR SAVING STAMPS

A Glove Certificate Banishes Uncertainty

They are issued for any amount. The recipient is privileged to select the style and color that pleases best. Then each pair is expertly fitted. There is complete satisfaction without confusion. Buy yours today.



Unlimited Choosing in Neckwear

Smart original creations from the House of Timothy Crowley will be more than acceptable. Jabot collars with lace and black silk stocks make striking gifts. Satin roll and round styles in collars are Christmas styles. Georgette crepe and hand embroidered nets make very effective collars.

We Ask Your Indulgence In the Delivery of Parcels

We have lost our entire force of regular drivers through enlistments and the new ones are not as yet thoroughly familiar with their routes. The result has been a slowing up of our usual service, but we expect to have this remedied by next week.

Things Seen Round the Store

Umbrellas

For Men we suggest a good substantial silk umbrella with handles trimmed in sterling silver. For Women, new shapes in black, blue, green, red, taupe, brown and purple. Beautiful handles with arm loops of leather and silk.

Suit Case Umbrellas that are very desirable because they fold into a small space. \$3, \$4.50, \$6. To the Left As You Enter.

Children's Coats

Dainty juvenile styles, very well made and correctly fashioned. Attractive colors, in broadcloths, sibiline and fancy mixtures. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Moderate Prices. Third Floor.

Christmas Cards

with appropriate greetings and holiday illumination. 1918 Calendars unique in design and inexpensive in price. Third Floor.

The Toilet Goods Section



"Ivory" toilet articles, in the newest styles and designs. Beautiful white, dainty articles, specially priced, Saturday, \$1.

Women's Robes

The selection will be at its best Saturday. You will find any style or color you may wish at a reasonable price. Robes make delightful gifts and are safely chosen at this store, \$5 to \$50.

Silk Petticoats

Attractive new models are featured in this holiday display. Plain styles and novelties are shown in all desirable colors. \$3.95, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$10.50. Second Floor.

Silk Underwear

A very lovely showing of beautiful camisoles, vests, envelope chemise suits and bloomers, all of rich silks. The idea of silk underwear for gifts is very sensible and while very attractive not so very expensive. Main Floor.

Handkerchiefs Are Among the Most Delightful Gifts. From the standpoint of being practical or from the idea of giving something delightfully dainty and attractive. Handkerchiefs are particularly appropriate.

No One Ever Possessed Too Many Linens. With the supply diminishing, with the knowledge that next year fewer linens will be produced, a gift of linens assumes added importance.

Silk Hosiery Splendid Qualities for Gift Occasions. A fine assortment of pure thread silk hose with lisle tops and soles, in these desirable colors—brunze, grays, pinks, browns, khaki and all other popular shades.

Little Folks Need Warm Sweaters. We have outfitted so many pleasant little boys and girls with warm sweaters. Attractive and colorful in spite of their warmth.

For Baby Besides every delightful sort of outer apparel and complete selections of everything for baby's comfort there is still another section of the baby shop worth considering.

Old Wall Street Firm Makes an Assignment

New York, Dec. 14.—Jewett Brothers, members of the New York Stock exchange, who have conducted a brokerage business in this city since 1894, today made an assignment for the benefit of creditors.

Looking for work? Turn to the Help Wanted Columns now.

You will find hundreds of positions listed there.

Our firm finds itself embarrassed and in order to protect interests of all we have made an assignment.

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A Christmas Sale of Silk Camisoles. Sold as High as \$2.50. Saturday, \$1.39. The daintiest of camisoles made of messaline, crepe de chine, China silk and lace.

A Special Sweater Day Savings Saturday on These Appropriate, Serviceable Gifts. One table of wool sweaters, both plain colors and combinations. Sold formerly up to \$8.50, Saturday, at \$4.95.

A Camisole appeals to every woman who would be well dressed, as they are a necessity when sheer blouses are worn. Camisoles of a Quality Sold Up to \$2.50. Saturday, \$1.39. Sale Commences at 10 A. M. Third Floor.

Slip-Over sweaters, all colors, at \$2.95. A heavy all-wool yarn sweater, in blue, tan and gray, Saturday, \$8.50. A new Angora trimmed sweater, at \$15. An All-Angora sweater, priced at \$16.75. Silk sweaters, in a great variety of styles and colors, at \$25 to \$50.



Ostrich Fans make wonderful Christmas gifts.

New Laces and Nets. Laces, Nets and Novelties present a lovely display. There are real hand made fillet laces you'll enjoy seeing. Also Venice, net top, Irish and val. laces, besides a fine assortment of gold, silver and steel laces.

Ivory Toilet Article Display. Beautiful beveled plate mirrors with backs of white ivory, in soft, rich tones; long or ring handles. Hair brushes, with plain or concave ivory backs, bristles of the best quality. The Du Barry pattern is the newest in the ivory Pyralin ware and is very dainty. Combs to match. Notion Section.



The Best Stock of Linen in the Middle West. Damask cloths and napkins. Madeira hand embroidered luncheon sets, napkins and centerpiece. H. S. damask luncheon sets. Mosaic napkins, hand embroidered linen pillow cases, linen huck towels. Cluny lace scarfs, Irish hand embroidered scarfs and luncheon cloths.

Ribbon Fancies. It's a surprise to many to learn how many wonderfully attractive articles can be made of ribbons. Conceits, both decorative and useful are here in plenty. Everyone being truly exclusive, as each is made here in the store by Mrs. David. They make appreciated gifts. To the Right As You Enter.

The Men's Shop Is the Natural Place to Turn For Gift Things a Man Will Like. Neckwear: The pick of thousands of patterns, the most in variety of pattern, weave and color the looms could produce. Ties made to give service and satisfaction. You'll find the value in each scarf whether you pay 50c or \$4. Reminders: Reefers Handkerchiefs Hosiery Bath Robes Umbrellas London Scarfs New Collars. In Fact Everything Men Buy Themselves. The Men's Shop—A Step Inside to the Left.