BREAD RATION IN

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. This is a feature of the summary of a world survey of crop conditions issued by Food Administrator Wattles.

The survey shows crop conditions somewhat unsatisfactory in almost every important country with the exception of South America, where both wheat and oats acreages have been increased over last year. The prospect is reported good.

Following is the summary of condi-

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 Prices are \$1 upwards per

Australia.

Excessive rains prevailing are unfavorable to crop conditions. Prospects are fair, but wheat acreage is reduced 25 per cent. Flour is being ground and stored for foreign account. Wheat continues to be damaged, owing to improper housing fa-

Weather is still unfavorable for plowing and seeding, which is below 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.

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.

Unfavorable weather and scarcity of labor and seed are retarding agricul-ture. 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.

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

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 90,667 bushels.

Deaths Reported in

American Army in France Washington, Dec. 14 .- General Pershing today reported to the War de-partment the following deaths from

natural eauses:
FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE
M. ANDERTON, engineers, December 9, on board United States transport, tubercular meningitis, Alexan-

SERGEANT PAUL JORDAN, quartermaster corps, December 10, injuries resulting from motorcycle accident, Lavonia, Ga.
PRIVATE HAROLD VARNER,
marines, December 9, pneumonia, ad-

dress 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 ccuses, Nashwauk, Minn.

Prepare Training School For Army Surgeons

Fort Riley, Kan., Dec. 14.—It is expected that approximately 1,560 doctors will attend the training school for army physicians and surgeons, which will be opened soon at Fort Riley army post. Plans for the school are now being made by the military

authorities. 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. They provide room for the large number of men who will attend, some of the barracks of the cavalry brigade, left vacant when the Thirteenth, Twentieth and Twentyfirst regiments of cavalry left Fort Riley, will be utilized.

Revision of Copper Prices Now Being Considered

Washington, Dec. 1 -Revision of copper prices was taken up here to-day by producers and the war in-dustries 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. Copper producers will meet with the commission later.

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. Dr. Edouard Miller was elected vice president by a vote of 155 to 44 for Gustave Ador, president of the International Red

Halifax Now Controls

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 14.—
With the relief situation so well in hand that its services no longer were hand that its services no longer were required, the Massachusetts unit, first

Food Administrator Issues

We nave made an assignment."

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 14.—
Clared, meant that the city of Halifax, or of the general committee declines in for work? Turn to the Brothers, members of the New York Brothers, members of the New York Stock exchange, who have conducted a brockage business in this city since the continued cold.

New York, Dec. 14.—Jewett Brothers, members of the New York Stock exchange, who have conducted a brockage business in this city since the continued cold.

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Clared, meant that the city of Hali-

on the ground here after the great neral service planned for today was fire and explosion, went home today. postponed until Monday because of

Old Wall Street Firm

Makes an Assignment

1894, today made an assignment for our firm finds itself embarrassed and the benefit of creditors. The firm issued a statement which

in order to protect interests of all we have made an assignment.



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



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.

We Ask Your Indulgence In the Delivery of Parcels

Umbrellas

leather and silk.

\$1.50.

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

Children's umbrellas, \$1 and

Suit Case Umbrellas that are

very desirable because they fold into a small space. \$3,

Dainty juvenile styles, very well made and correctly fash-

foned. Attractive colors, in broadcloths, zibiline and fancy mixtures. Sizes 2 to 14 years.

Moderate Prices.

Third Floor.

with appropriate greetings and holiday illumination. 1918 Calendars unique in de-

sign and inexpensive in price.
Third Floor.

Children's Coats

Christmas Cards

To the Left As You Enter.

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 this remedied by next



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 Christmassy.

Georgette crepe and hand embroidered nets make very effective collars. Satin and linen edged with real Filet and Irish lace make lovely

Vests of pique and satin, both high and low neck styles.

Prices you'll care to pay.

Women's Robes

store, \$5 to \$50.

Silk Petticoats

Silk Underwear

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

Attractive new models are

featured in this holiday dis-

play. Plain styles and novel-

ties are shown in all desirable

\$3.95, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$10.50.

A very lovely showing of beau-

tiful 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 expen-

Second Floor.

Main Floor.



trimmed to harmonize.

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. 5

Sale Commences at 10 A. M.

Third Floor

Handkerchiefs

A Christmas Sale

Sold as High as \$2.50

Saturday, \$1.39

The daintiest of camisoles made of messaline,

crepe de chine, China silk and lace. Beautifully

Silk Camisoles

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. There is no end to the styles or prices one may choose. That's one reason why our handkerchief section is selected by so many as the best place to make their Christmas decisions.

squares are here from 9c up to 50c.

Plain hemstitched linen

Initialed styles with ever so many different kinds of letters, some from 15c to 60c.

Pure linen handkerchiefs

Silk Hosiery

Splendid Qualities

for Gift Occasions

silk hose with lisle tops and soles,

in these desirable colors-bronze,

grays, pinks, browns, khaki and

all other popular shades. Excel-

Pure thread silk hose, in shades

for street wear and evening oc-

casions. These are silk to the top

Pure thread silk hose, in out

sizes; made with lisle tops and

soles, in gray, brown, bronze, silver, black and white, at \$2.

Notice that the above

are all pure silk.

Little Folks Need

Warm Sweaters

lent values, at \$1.50 a pair.

and are \$2 a pair.

with dainty embroidered corners. Priced 15c, 20c, 25c up to \$16.

Real lace handkerchiefs. beautiful creations from over seas- \$2.25 to \$25. Hand-embroidered Madeira handkerchiefs, 35c to \$3.75.

Ostrich Fans make wonderful Christmas gifts.

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.

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.

Dainty

Silk Crepe

De Chine

Chemise

Boudoir

Third Floor

Combina-

Gowns

tions

Caps

variety of styles and colors, at \$25 to \$50.



New Laces and Nets

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

Beautiful hand made filet medallions and silk nets, in all colors.

> A Holiday Showing Of Great Interest

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 con-cave ivory backs, bristles of the best quality. The Du Barry pat-tern is the newest in the ivory Pyralin ware and is very dainty. Combs to match.

Notion Section.



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.

They make appreciated gifts.

To the Right As You Enter

The Toilet Goods Section



"Ivory" toilet articles, in

the newest styles and de-

signs. Beautiful white.

dainty articles, specially

Is Rich With Gift Suggestions

Sachet Powders, 25c, 35c, 50c a

Mary Garden Talcum, 60c. Azurea and La Trefle sachet powder (Pivers, Paris), \$1.00 a bottle. Djer Kiss sachet, 95c a bottle.

Just arrived. Houbigant's "Quel-ques Fleurs" Perfume and Toilet Water.

Toilet Waters, numerous odors, all in holiday packings, 75c.

Silk Savings on Best Qualities

priced, Saturday, \$1.

A Christmas offering Saturday of two fine silk fabrics at a considerable saving in price. These are the best of their respective classes and are above ordinary in every respect. Haskell's Satin Raye, \$2.50

quality, \$1.95 a yard, in a complete range of the newest colors. Belding's Camisole Satin, \$2.50 quality, \$2 a yard. The

very best grade in ivory and flesh colors. These special prices for Saturday only.

Khaki and Grav Mixed Yarns.



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.

The Christmas.toys for babies should be seen. They offer so much that is sensible and different from ordinary.

Another thing, there is a fine showing of celluloid novelties, that will be acceptable to every mother and baby.

Visit Our Baby Shop Saturday.

Our Stocks Are Wonderfully Complete Offering an Unrivalled Selection

and centerpieces. H. S. damask luncheon sets. A fine assortment of pure thread

> Cluny lace scarfs, Irish hand embroidered scarfs and luncheon cloths.



ant little boys and girls with warm sweaters. Attractive and

colorful in spite of their warmth. Brushed Wool Sets, each consisting of a sweater, a cap, leggings and mittens, sizes 2 to 6 years, \$5 to \$8.85 a set. Wool Sweaters in white and colors (link and link stitch), with

drawer leggings, mittens, caps

We have outfitted so many pleas-

and toques to match. 1 to 6-year sizes. All at sensible prices. Cap and Scarf Sets of light or dark colored brushed wool. 4 to 16-year sizes, \$2, \$3.25, \$4.25.

> Is Bright With New Things --- Many of Them For Gifts

The Children's Store

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.

Damask cloths and napkins. Madeira hand embroidered luncheon sets, napkins

Mosaic napkins, hand embroidered linen pillow cases,

linen huck towels.

The Best Stock of Linen In the Middle West

Reminders

Reefers Handkerchiefs

Hosiery Bath Robes Umbrellas

London Scarfs

New Collars

In Fact Everything Men Buy Themselves

The Men's Shop

For Gift Things a Man Will Like Shirts: Whoever receives a Man-

satisfaction. You'll find the value in each scarf whether you pay 50c or \$4. Gloves: That wear well and maintain their original good appearance. Mochas, Capes and lightweight Kids, all sizes, qualities

styles, \$2.75 and \$3.50. Underwear: Superior, the perfect fitting union suits for men, in wool, cotton and mixtures, at \$1.50 to \$7. Winstead twopiece garments in wool or cotton, priced according to qual-

and prices. Driving Gloves,

gauntlet or short wrist strap

good. For Soldiers.

every one.

Money Belts: Of khaki, rubber lined. Made to be worn under the coat or sweater. Price \$1. Army camp pillows, air filled. collapsible, \$2.

ingly distinctive. French or

stiff cuff styles. A price for

Jewelry: Substantial kinds men

choose for themselves. Cuff

links, chain ornaments, full

dress sets, buttons, vestograms,

belt buckles. Inexpensive, but

The Men's Shop-A Step Inside to the Left.

