

Egg Famine Looms; It's Up to Winter Layers to Halt it

Cold Storage Interests Report Shortage of More Than 1,000,000 Cases—Prices Begin to Jump.

By EARL M. WHITNEY.
It is reported that cold storage interests are short about 1,000,000 cases of eggs over last year. This would indicate the possibility of an egg famine should the winter layers fail to do their full duty. Coupled with this condition is the fact that there is a shortage of stock, many poultry breeders having already disposed of all the surplus stock on hand and being unable to fill further orders.

Eggs are going up in price. Purchasers of strictly fresh eggs in Chicago last week, paid as high as \$1.25 per dozen. With the prospect of an egg shortage, it would seem an absolute necessity that new laid eggs be rushed as rapidly as possible to big cities if the usual demand is to be met.

Feed Meat Scraps.

At last back-lot poultry raisers are confronted with ideal conditions so far as profitable poultry raising goes—an unprecedented demand for fresh eggs at good prices and a very noticeable decrease in the cost of production due to decreased feed prices.

"Don't kill the laying hen," is a slogan that should be adhered to this winter as never before. It was a comparatively few years ago that the commercial meat scrap product became known to poultrymen. Once started, however, the results in increased egg production soon made the product indispensable.

Experimental stations all over the country have proven the importance of meat scraps in egg production and strongly advocate their use, either separately or in the regular dry mash mixture. Meat scraps provide the animal protein that builds bone and muscle and makes strong, vigorous and productive birds.

A high-grade meat scrap is clean, pure and sweet; it is made of clean meat trimmings from butcher shops and is thoroughly cooked, every possible bit of grease and water being extracted. In feeding meat scraps, care must be exercised to see that only high-grade, fresh scraps are used, as tainted scraps will cause great injury.

Sprouted Oats.

Don't overlook the necessity of green food for the layers. Remember that the winter feed must be as near as possible like that which hens secure on free range in the spring time—the natural laying season. This means that green food should be supplied in some form and sprouted oats is perhaps the best and most simple form in which it can be given.

Soak the oats over night in lukewarm water, transferring to the oats sprouter while they are still wet. Maintain a temperature around 60 degrees and place the sprouter where light will strike it, so that the oats will grow green.

It is well to stir the grain daily as this has a tendency to increase succulence. One bushel of oats will make from two to three bushels of the sprouted product.

If there is one breed more than any other which has predominated through all these years of "changing fashions" in fowls, it is the Plymouth Rock of the barred variety. The favorite fowl of the farmer as a general rule, is the Barred Plymouth Rock.

There is scarcely a farm anywhere upon which you will fail to find a representative of this grand old variety. The cockerels mature early and are of good weight. The vitality and hardiness of the Barred Rock is unexcelled. The hens are good layers and the eggs are brown and of good size.

Italian Premier Would Imprison Bomb Plotters

Rome, Nov. 28.—Premier Giolitti introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies which would make any person found with bombs or other explosives in his possession liable to severe penalties.

A prison term ranging from two to five years, besides five years' police surveillance, would be imposed on first offenders. On second offense the guilty person would be condemned to forced domicile. Persons surrendering bombs and explosives to the police within 20 days from the measure's approval would be exempt.

Members of Committee Of 100 Ask Passports

Washington, Nov. 28.—Some members of the special committee appointed to visit Ireland and England in connection with the investigation of the Irish question by the commission of the committee of 100 on the Irish question have applied for passports. Officials of the State department said no obstacle would be placed in the way of any American citizens desiring to go abroad for study and research work, but that no passports would be issued for any commission or group of delegation as such.

Mystery Surrounds Jewelry Puzzle of Chicago Divorcee

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Edwin C. Erickson, wealthy clothing merchant, met, admired and fell for Miss Helen De Woody, a lovely divorcee. Although he is married and the father of two children, he gave Miss De Woody jewelry valued at \$6,850 and even paid all her expenses on a vacation trip to California.

Then he repented, confessed to Mrs. Erickson and consulted Lee Corey, a friend, and Edward J. Adler, a lawyer, as to the best method to get back the jewels.

But a mystery remains in the disappearance of the jewelry from Miss De Woody's apartments on the morning of November 11. She told the police she suspected Erickson and he was locked up. He produced all the jewelry valued at \$2,000 diamond ring, but denied taking any of it. He said he suspected Adler. Adler was locked up. Then it was shown that Corey introduced Erickson to Adler and Corey was flung into the hoosgow. Denials came from all directions and the court will have to tackle the puzzle. The three men are out under bonds of \$3,000 each, but the \$2,000 diamond has not yet put in an appearance.

"Little Entente" Looks to America for Financial Stability

New York, Nov. 28.—The "little entente," composed of Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Roumania, look to the United States to restore the financial and economic stability of central Europe, asserted Dr. Benrick Stephanek, first minister from Czechoslovakia to the United States, on his arrival.

He explained that the "little entente" will not conflict with the league of nations and that it was formed to combat radical elements of the Magyars and to affect a realignment of the financial system of central Europe. He said it would not deal with matters of industrial importance beyond their own boundaries.

England, France and Italy are powerless to cope with the problems of financial and industrial readjustment and it devolves upon the United States as the world's largest creditor to extend its influence in normalizing conditions, he declared.

Charge d'Affaires Denies He Will Attend Inauguration

Mexico City, Nov. 28.—Newspaper reports that the American charge d'Affaires, George T. Sumnerlin, had accepted an official invitation to attend the inauguration ceremonies December 1 were denied, the charge asserting he is awaiting instructions from Washington. Unless he is ordered to attend, he says, it will be impossible for him to be present, inasmuch as this act undoubtedly would be construed as implying recognition of the Oregon government.

Members of the diplomatic corps here, except for representatives of government which already have recognized the new Mexican regime, are in a quandary over the inauguration.

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Upstream, Not Down

By PAUL GREER.

Of the various explanations of the meaning and origin of the name of Omaha there is one that is particularly fitting. The old chronicle states that in the migrations westward of the Indian tribes, one of them came to the Mississippi river south of its junction with the Missouri. There the tribe divided.

The less active and adventurous portion embarked down the stream, adopting a name indicative of their drifting.

The stronger and braver half decided to turn its canoes up the river, and took the name "Omahaw," meaning "against the stream." This is the tribe which ultimately settled along the Missouri river and gave the city of Omaha its name.

The implication of conscious purpose, of driving force overcoming all obstacles, has not been lost sight of. Long after the original meaning of the name has been forgotten, "Onward Omaha" is still the watchword.

It is more than a coincidence that a thousand business men are to hold a meeting next Thursday night to emphasize that slogan and to plan for future civic progress. That banquet, arranged by the Chamber of Commerce, will have a list of speakers, every one enthusiastic with the visions of the possibilities of municipal growth. Out of this coming together of practical minds is expected to flow increasingly prosperity, comfort and welfare for the whole population.

Co-operation—every last Indian of us bending to the oars—working together that we may all defy the current, the eddies and whirlpools of misunderstanding and petty jealousies—such will be the tenor of each address.

From Chicago will come a banker to talk on the fundamentals of business—and certainly one of the basic necessities of modern industry is a mutual sense of the responsibility of employer and employe. An Omaha minister has chosen as his theme, "Onward Omaha," and no doubt will touch on some of the spiritual qualities that make for real greatness. A local banker will talk on "Omaha's Future," not, be it noted, on the past, or even the present, but on the objective of the struggle upstream. Finally, one of our merchants will sum it all up in an address, "Let's Do It."

Out of this Onward Omaha movement will come a more concentrated purpose, a more constructive attitude toward the problems of our city. There is a spirit of optimism bred in such conferences that is a greatly needed factor in this time.

"The key to continued prosperity in America is in the keeping of its business men," as Victor Murdock, chairman of the federal trade commission recently remarked. "That key is optimism, that fine quality of mind which does not fail to remember the rainy day to come and does not, when the rainy day has come, despair of the sun."

Mr. Murdock added another thought to this speech, saying: "I ask you as one red-blooded American talking to other red-blooded Americans to remember that our first duty is to the dead old public. The one place of pre-eminent stability in this world of travail is our country. We've got the best government God ever gave man to administer. We're here to serve our fellow man and to move humanity a little forward and a little upward, with fear in our hearts of God, our maker and our master."

The eastern business men to whom this was addressed applauded vigorously, recognizing their responsibility toward the nation. It is in the selfsame spirit that the business men of Omaha, big and little, are joining in this Onward Omaha conference for a bigger, better, more beautiful Omaha.

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