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RICH AUSTRIANS GET FOOD WHILE POOR VAINLY CLAMOR

However thick and fast the food rules may come from Washington, they never discriminate in favor of the rich against the poor. All loyal Americans stand shoulder to shoulder in the food fight. One of the great grievances that has been heard throughout the war from enemy countries is that war rationing is practically a dead letter as far as the wealthy are concerned. In Vienna it used to be that whoever had money enough to pay fancy prices could buy practically anything to satisfy his appetite. Every month, and almost every week, new regulations have been issued to still the clamor of "the common people."

The latest effort of the Austrian Government to make evasions of the rules more difficult is the compulsory menu. Every hotel and restaurant owner is compelled by law to hand a menu card to each guest, whether he cares to read it or not.

The purpose of the new regulation is to prevent a person from ordering any number of dishes in a restaurant. The guest is limited to the course on the menu card. He must not get any more, and any restaurateur who serves more dishes may get the maximum penalty of six months in jail and a fine of 20,000 crowns, or about $4,000.

Of course the hotel and restaurant owner is not permitted to compose menus to suit his own fancy. He is compelled to submit his compositions to an official menu censor whose duty it is to temper epicurean taste. The Government dictates the number of dishes served and also the prices to be charged for the dishes. Menu and price list must be O. K.'d by the authorities and stamped with the official seal before they may be shown to a guest.

The Government is particularly after the gluttons who eat at home and then go to a restaurant to order another meal. So the eating house proprietors are permitted to serve full meals only at certain periods of the day. Full meal periods are to serve people who have no kitchen of their own and do not eat at home. Restaurateurs must notify the authorities at which hours of the day they serve full meals.

GO EASY ON ICE.

A pound of ammonia will make either a ton of artificial ice or else twenty hand grenades. It can't make both. In your use of ice figure whether you would rather pamper your stomach with cooling drinks or pound the Huns with bombs.

The less demand is made upon the ice supply of Maryland's hotels, restaurants, and dining cars, the more ammonia there will be available to make munitions. Would you rather make things hot for the Hun or make them cool for yourself?

CAN EASILY SPARE WHEAT.

"Wheat crop light in Western Canada, situation critical, all depends on weather!" So says an official announcement.

Are these words not enough to make you feel that potatoes and other vegetables should replace the dishes which require wheat and various other grains?

These are the days when there is no special hardship in cutting down the wheat and meat ration and living on the abundance of early outdoor growth and cultivation. What cannot be obtained near at hand is poured in from the tropics. It is the time when fruit harvesting begins and keeps on till the frost comes. It is the season of supply for all the jellies, marmalades, preserves and dried fruits laid up in store against wintry days to follow.

There is no better way just now to help win the war than to conserve the food supply by eating perishable fruits and vegetables and pickling, canning, drying and preserving them for later use in days of scarcity and shortage.

And as for meat—well, has Providence been kinder to any State than to Maryland in a supply of delicious and nutritious fish?

In Roumania the Germans have left only one cow for every tenth farm. That country's food supply is being removed into Hunland.

DOING HER BIT.

She has no Thrift Stamps put away,
She does no useful work at all;
She always eats three meals a day,
Her appetite is far from small;
Our chances may, indeed, be hurt
Because of what she wears and eats,
But, caring not, she tries to flirt
With every soldier boy she meets.

Don't forget cottage cheese. Cooling, palatable, body-building. Allow some skim milk to sour, drain off the whey through a colander, add a little butter, salt and pepper to the curds. Then serve and enjoy it.

SUMMARY OF WHEAT FIGURES.

For a little while yet remember these wheat statistics which sum up the whole situation till the new crop is marketed:

Normal monthly use, 40,000,000 bushels.

Now available per month, 13,000,000 bushels.

So the United States has to get along on one-third its usual consumption.

FISH CROQUETTES.

(Official recipe.)

To one and one-half cups of cold flaked fish add one cup thick white sauce. Season with salt and pepper and spread on a plate to cool. When cool shape into little cakes, roll in crumbs, egg and crumbs and fry in hot fat. Drain and arrange on a hot platter and garnish with lemon and parsley. The fish may be seasoned, after flaking with lemon, onion salt or onion juice and parsley if desired.

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Are The Packers Profiteers?

Plain Facts About the Meat Business

The Federal Trade Commission in its recent report on war profits, stated that the five largest meat packers have been profiteering and that they have a monopoly of the market.

These conclusions, if fair and just, are matters of serious concern not only to those engaged in the meat packing business but to every other citizen of our country.

The figures given on profits are misleading and the statement that the packers have a monopoly is unsupported by the facts.

The packers mentioned in the report stand ready to prove their profits reasonable and necessary.

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The meat business is one of the largest American industries. Any citizen who would familiarize himself with its details must be prepared for large totals.

The report states that the aggregate profits of four large packers were $140,000,000 for the three war years.

This sum is compared with $19,000,000 as the average annual profit for the three years before the war, making it appear that the war profit was $121,000,000 greater than the pre-war profit.

This compares a three-year profit with a one-year profit—a manifestly unfair method of comparison. It is not only misleading, but the Federal Trade Commission apparently has made a mistake in the figures themselves.

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The aggregate three-year profit of $140,000,000 was earned on sales of over four and a half billion dollars. It means about three cents on each dollar of sales—or a mere fraction of a cent per pound of product.

Packer's profits are a negligible factor in prices of live stock and meats. No other large business is conducted upon such small margins of profit.

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Furthermore—and this is very important—only a small portion of this profit has been paid in dividends. The balance has been put back into the businesses. It had to be, as you realize when you consider the problems the packers have had to solve—and solve quickly—during these war years.

To conduct this business in war times, with higher costs and the necessity of paying two or three times the former prices for live stock, has required the use of two or three times the ordinary amount of working capital. The additional profit makes only a fair return on this, and as has been stated, the larger portion of the profits earned has been used to finance huge stocks of goods and to provide additions and improvements made necessary by the enormous demands of our army and navy and the Allies.

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If you are a business man you will appreciate the significance of these facts. If you are unacquainted with business, talk this matter over with some business acquaintance—with your banker, say—and ask him to compare profits of the packing industry with those of any other large industry at the present time.

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No evidence is offered by the Federal Trade Commission in support of the statement that the large packers have a monopoly. The Commission's own report shows the large number and importance of others packers.

The packers mentioned in the statement stand ready to prove to any fair minded person that they are in keen competition with each other, and that they have no power to manipulate prices.

If this were not true they would not dare to make this positive statement.

Furthermore, government figures show that the five large packers mentioned in the report account for only about one-third of the meat business of the country.

They wish it were possible to interest you in the details of their business. Of how, for instance, they can sell dressed beef for less than the cost of the live animal, owing to utilization of by-products, and of the wonderful story of the methods of distribution throughout this broad land, as well as in other countries.

The five packers mentioned feel justified in co-operating with each other to the extent of together presenting this public statement.

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(A News Item From The Washington Star)

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