

The Meyersdale Commercial

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The practically stationary population of France has for some time been the subject of comment, but with their limited territory it is a question whether the people as a whole are not better off with the present population than they would be with a larger one.

It is undoubtedly better to have a people proportionate in number to land area and natural resources than to have a teeming population with the consequent economic problems.

It is by no means certain that any great increase in the annual number of births is even desirable. Quality, not quantity, is what we are after.

It is not to bring a multitude of children into the world, only to see them wither and die in the short space of a twelve-month, but to surround those which are born to us, in fewer numbers, maybe, than those of yore, with such efficacious safeguards as to insure the passage of the greatest number through the fatal year.

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Driving It Home!

Let us drive home to you the fact that no washwoman can wash clothes in as sanitary a manner as that in which the work is done at our laundry. We use much more water, change the water many more times, use purer and more costly soap, and keep all the clothes in constant motion during the entire process.

FARM WOMEN RALLY.

The Society of Farm Women, a new branch of the Agricultural Labor Service Committee of the Committee of Public Safety, is rapidly extending its membership among the farm women of the State.

- Mrs. J. C. Speicher, Stony Creek Township. Mrs. Oliver Critchfield, Black Township. Mrs. E. E. Kiernan, Somerset Township. Mrs. Myrtle Hillegas, Fairhope Township. Mrs. A. G. Yutzy, Greenville Township. Mrs. Elsie Croyle, Conemaugh Township. Miss Nettie McMillen, Middle Creek Township.

As Somerset County is the home of the Society of Farm Women, the County should have a large and active membership, which it no doubt will, as time goes on.

We guarantee that our clothes will be all wool because that wears the best and lasts the longest; that the tailoring will be careful and enduring; that the dyes will be fast and lasting. Hart, Schaffner & Marx. This line of goods handled in Meyersdale exclusively by Hartley & Baldwin.



One Carload Every Two Minutes

15,000 POUNDS MEAT A MINUTE GOING TO ALLIES

One Hog Out of Every Four Being Sent Abroad.

Shipments of meat have been going to the allies for some time at the rate of 15,000 pounds a minute. As the shipments are kept up during a ten hour day they amount to 3,000,000 pounds daily.

These statements were made by a prominent representative of the United States Food Administration.

No industry in the country has played a more important part in helping to win the war than the American livestock and meat-packing industry.

Swift & Company alone has been forwarding over 500 car loads of meat and meat products per week for overseas shipment.

Swift & Company, U.S.A.

YOUR RED CROSS

An Army Without a Gun. By MEREDITH NICHOLSON Of the Vigilantes.

THE Red Cross is the greater instrument of mercy the world has ever seen. Noble as the service of mercy and helpfulness was in Civil War days, the Red Cross surpasses it immeasurably not only in the range and variety of its effort, but in efficiency and effectiveness.

The Red Cross is, we may say, the arms of the mothers of the world reached out to their sons to bind up their wounds and comfort them. The Red Cross is an army without a gun that wages war only upon suffering and heartache.

We have all contributed to the Red Cross; we shall be called upon again to contribute to its funds,—again and perhaps again. We will respond again and yet again! For this is war for the defense of civilization, and we of great, free, splendid, glorious America, have every intention that it shall be fought with the army of the Red Cross solidly supporting our soldiers.

SUGAR RULES MORE STRINGENT

Destruction of Ships Calls For Increased Measures of Conservation.

SALES STRICTLY LIMITED

Merchants May Sell Only Two Pounds at One Time in City and Five in Country.

New and increased measures for sugar saving have been announced by Howard Heinz, Food Administrator for Pennsylvania. His statement follows repeated warning to the public from Mr. Hoover regarding the seriousness of the situation.

In view of this condition, therefore, the previous ruling has been restored regarding the purchase of sugar for domestic purposes; namely, not more than two pounds to one purchaser in cities and towns and not to exceed 5 pounds in the rural districts.

Sugar for less essential purposes will undoubtedly be greatly reduced and manufacturers of non-essentials will be curtailed in their use of sugar after the first of July.

It is the desire of Mr. Heinz to avoid, if possible, the issuance of sugar rationing cards, but unless there is a general curtailment in the table use of sugar for pies and cakes, sugar cards are not an impossibility in the near future.

Information was brought to the attention of the Administration within the past few days, showing that in a number of cafes and restaurants the open sugar bowl on the table is still retained. Ample notice has now been given of the illegality of this practice.

AMERICAN FARMER HAS FED ALLIES

Producer and Consumer Working Together Has Achieved Victory For Democracy.

The American people have achieved a victory for democracy. They have proved they can govern themselves. Through all sorts of agencies the United States Food Administration has endeavored to bring home to the nation the vital necessity for sending wheat, meat, fats and sugar "over there."

Before the war we used to send across about 85 million pounds of pork products every month. In 1918, before we were really "in it," there was a great demand, and so we began to send more. We even got up to 121,000,000 pounds a month.

Now comes the startling part of the story. Today, with practically the same herd of hogs in relation to the population that we had before the war, we are exporting about 285 million pounds every month that is more than three times as much as in peace times.

As for beef, before the war we used to send over 17,000,000 pounds a month, while today we are shipping 70,000,000 pounds a month.

Perhaps wheat has been our biggest problem. We have realized how very important it is to give the Allies an unusual hot summer may bring about. Certainly all waste should be eliminated.

Let the German militarists still argue that "democracy is a failure." They do not know the democracy of America!

HEINZ URGES SIMPLICITY

War-time Brings Necessity For Economy and Earnest Conservation Effort.

AVOID ALL EXTRAVAGANCE

At Public Banquets and in Home Entertainment Needs of the Nation Should be Considered.

Howard Heinz, Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, made an emphatic statement regarding the waste of food which he believes may occur in too many instances, in private homes through elaborate dinner parties, and at public entertainments in the shape of costly banquets. He said:

"At intervals, for months past, I have read in the columns of the daily newspapers of the state accounts of elaborate private entertainments in the way of luncheons, dinners and similar functions in which there doubtless is, in at least some instances, a great and unnecessary waste. The food is often prepared and served on such occasions in such a way that it is practically impossible to utilize any of the remains of the banquet or make available for use the food in any other form."

"Our people should refrain from elaborate dinners and social entertainments where costly meals are a feature. This class of social functions should be marked by war-time simplicity. In all things there should be strict observance of Food Administration rules. The number of extra meals should be minimized. They are, for the most part, unnecessary."

"We are at war. The families of England have meat only twice a week. In France the population between 13 and 60 years of age is permitted to have only one and a half slices of bread per day per person. To win the war we must not only preach conservation, but practice it."

"I am not only opposing the idea of private dinners, public banquets or social functions, but I insist that war-time simplicity should prevail at them by moderation in the number of courses served. I urge upon our people that dinners, luncheons and banquets should be an example to the world of rigid conservation of food. Portions should be smaller. They should be prepared and served in accordance with food laws. Articles of diet not on the restricted list should be used."

"At commercial and business gatherings an example should be set and a menu in accordance with the strict requirements of the war-times in which we live be offered. "Food waste is a crime. It is a crime against the starving millions of Europe, who are asking us for food; it is a crime against our soldiers and the soldiers of our Allies, who are fighting for us on the battle fields of Europe."

"SAVE ICE," SAYS FOOD DIRECTOR

Mr. Heinz Points Out Need For Conservation and Warns Against Waste.

"Saving of ice has become an imperative duty on the part of all consumers," said Howard Heinz, U. S. Food Administrator for Pennsylvania. "It is true that large supplies of natural ice were stored last winter, but it is a question whether the supply will be sufficient to meet the heavy demands which an unusually hot summer may bring about. Certainly all waste should be eliminated."

"There will be heavy drafts on the ice supply this summer for refrigeration purposes in the shipment of meat abroad, as well as for the transportation of fruit and fresh vegetables in this country. Preparation should be made by the public to meet this situation, and I hope for the co-operation of the people of Pennsylvania in conserving the supply."

"Manufacturers of artificial ice may find themselves handicapped by the shortage in the ammonia supply. Demand for ammonia in the manufacture of ammunition is steadily increasing, and, as the war goes on, these increases will continue. The ammonia situation is not serious or threatening now, but it is just as well to provide against possibilities as well as probabilities."

"Householders should never allow ice to lie on the doorstep and melt after it has been delivered from the wagon. It will last longer in the ice-box or refrigerator if wrapped in a thick covering of newspaper or cloth. Restaurants and hotels which are in the habit of serving a large heap of cracked ice in deep dishes when serving claims may well save something in that service. Dispensers of the various beverages will be able to effect economy in the use of ice if they give the matter attention."

"There is no doubt that thousands of tons of ice are wasted every summer and a large part of this waste is avoidable."