

**CANADIAN APPLES
NINE CENTS EACH
IN LONDON SHOPS**

Wholesale Price of Fruit Has Gone Down—Retailers Still Holding at High Level.

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London, Dec. 22.—About sixpence (now about nine cents) apiece for a big red Canadian apple, is what the London public is paying, although the price of fruit, including Canadian apples, has now come automatically under the control of the British government. The control prices are those against which the fruit importers of Covent Garden launched a strong protest many weeks ago, you apparently not a ripple of excitement has been caused in wholesale fruit circles by the present step. The Food Control Board has placed a maximum price of 68 shillings (\$16.32) on the 12½ pound barrel, 21 shillings and sixpence on the box of not less than 25 pounds, 22 shillings and sixpence on the box of not less than 40 pounds, and sixpence on the pound retail.

The fact that the wholesale price of fruit has dropped considerably in the last few days is the cause for the withdrawal of the importers' protests. Fruit commission merchants believe last August that fruit would bring a much higher figure than it actually has brought, and they therefore desired a higher maximum. The maximum to which they were then objecting appears to them in a different light today, for not more than 20 shillings can be secured for a box of the best apples. The price of fruit had been decontrolled since August, the Food Control Board considering it advisable that the small British crop should be marketed at whatever figure it would bring. The resumption of the control in mid-November was announced some months ago.

DOG LED TO STABBING.

New York, Dec. 22.—Fighting with a playmate for possession of a stray dog, Frank Verillo, 10, was stabbed, probably fatally, here last night. James Romanetto, 9, with a dirty little terrier at his heels, walked in to a police station and surrendered himself. "I'm sorry; he wanted to take the dog away from me. I did not mean to hurt him," he sobbed.

**SOVIETS EXECUTE
105 FOR RIOTING**

Trouble Started When Government Did Not Give Workers More Food.

London, Dec. 22.—A serious riot occurred recently in Petrograd, says a Heisingers dispatch to the Central News, under yesterday's date, in which many persons were killed or injured.

The riot was crushed and 105 laborers were executed, the despatch adds. The trouble started when the Soviet authorities refused the demand of the city laborers for more food and shortening of the working day, which is 10 hours.

Cambridge University, in London, has refused to admit women to full membership in the university on equal terms with the men. Most of the other English universities, including Oxford, already have granted full membership to women.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER
WILL BE CHEAPER IN
CHICAGO IS CLAIM**

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Decreasing living costs have indicated approximately 15 per cent off the cost of this year's Christmas dinner, according to figures announced today by Russell J. Poole, secretary of the city council committee on high living costs.

**DOUGLAS FIR TREES
FOR WAR-TORN LANDS**

Washington, Dec. 22.—A Christmas gift of twelve million trees seed, to be used in reforesting the war devastated areas of France and Belgium and also certain sections of Great Britain, was shipped to those countries today through their embassies here by the American Forestry Association. The seed were of the Douglas fir, collected from the west coast, a species which grows rapidly.





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**GERMANS EXCITED
OVER ACTION
U. S. AMBASSADOR**

Claims Refusal to Meet
Mayer 'Lack of Courtesy'
on His Part.

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Berlin, Dec. 22.—German authorities have been deeply offended by the refusal of the American ambassador, Hugh C. Wallace, to meet the German ambassador at a diplomatic luncheon at the Reichstag on Monday at which both were to be present. The incident forms a large part in papers as developments in the Brussels conference or the refusal of the German ambassador, Herr Mayer, at Mr. Wallace's administration of Germany's admission to the League of Nations.

An official news agency gave an exhaustive account of the incident to which the papers' headlines ascribing to Ambassador Wallace a lack of courtesy as regards the forms of diplomatic courtesies at "neutral" capital.

According to the official version of the affair, no interruption of German-American relations was at issue in the affair. The French ambassador Perot, of the Chamberlain, it says committed a diplomatic faux pas in seating the German ambassador, Herr Mayer, at Mr. Wallace's right. Herr Mayer, he was to be the table next to Mrs. Wallace, asked to be introduced to Mr. Wallace so the latter could turn present him to his wife.

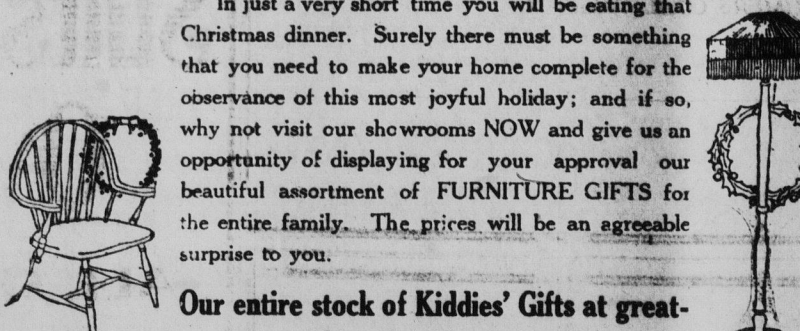
The despatches are silent whether either neutrality was maintained or a modus vivendi between the occupants of the joining chairs during the dinner.

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