

Canada and The World Food Shortage

Recent developments in Europe, official correspondence and the latest crop estimates make it plain that the world food situation today is serious beyond anything that we could see a few months ago. Unless we are willing to make some sacrifice in our eating and rigorously to guard against waste of foodstuffs, we may find the conclusive victory of our armies endangered.

Reports of the crops of France and Italy show that we shall be called upon to strain every effort and to conserve every ounce of food to make up the shortage of our Allies. Temporary disaster has overtaken the Italian army and it will be necessary to support them to the utmost by rushing food shipments. We must also ensure the women and children of France against terrible suffering and make certain that the Allied cause will not be weakened by shortage of essential food supplies.

The situation is grave today and the time has come when the people of Canada must realize that the Allies are depending on the continent of North America to a far greater extent than ever before. It is within the power of all of us effectively to support the efforts of our armies. The Canadian farmer has done his part by harvesting a splendid crop. Plans have been made for greater production next year. But until the next harvest, the only means of increasing the exportable surplus of food is for the consumer to do his duty. The fighting efficiency of the Allied forces will be impaired unless Canada awakens to the seriousness of the food problem. There rests upon us a tremendous responsibility—perhaps for the very issue of the war.

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Food Controller.

DEPORTATIONS BEGIN AGAIN

Greeks as well as Armenians and Syrians are suffering frightfully from Turkish persecution, and alike are helped by the American Committee. From the latest despatches received, deportations of all Greeks in the Turkish Empire are being renewed with increased severity. "Caliste and her compatriots are in consternation at orders to move inland," is the way one writer in Beirut, Syria, managed to convey this information past the censor.

Confirmation has recently come from the Greek government of a systematic extermination of these people, under the guise of deportations. Daily thousands are being sent from Constantinople and the sea coast into the interior of Asia Minor, where silence covers their ultimate fate.

According to the Paris Temps, which receives reliable information via Athens and the Balkan agency, "More than one hundred thousand Greeks have been killed or died of hunger since the middle of August last. Meanwhile the Turks continue mercilessly their work of the wholesale assassination of an entire race, in obedience to the orders of their German counsellors."

"The property of the unfortunate is confiscated, their furniture sold at auction and the wives and children distributed among the German officers and the Mohammedan aristocracy. In Constantinople more than three thousand Greek children have been sold as slaves. The position of the Greeks in the villages (districts) in the interior of Asia Minor is far sadder, as the Bashibozouk (irregulars) are slaughtering them cruelly. All the Greek villages in the region of Smyrna, Aidin, Marmara, and Aivaly were burned after being plundered."

Mrs. Sarah Brooks, who is said to have seen Napoleon at Plymouth on route for St. Helena, died near Billerica, Essex, recently in her 106th year.

STRAY BULLET KILLS BABY AT MOTHER'S SIDE

Jersey City, Nov. 16.—Dorothy Ackerman, two years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ackerman, of 188 Madeline avenue, Clifton, N. J., was killed instantly by a stray bullet fired by a policeman a third suspect. The child stood in Lakeview avenue. Her mother, near by, did not hear the shot and was bewildered when the child fell dead. She collapsed.

Patrolman Henry Prall, unaware that his bullet had hit the child, returned to the police station with two of the three men he had chased. He needed medical attention when news of the death reached him. He was detained at police headquarters. Prall and a constable went to the store of William J. Fox, a grocer, when Fox, who had been robbed recently, reported three suspicious characters in the neighborhood. He arrested two of the three men he found hiding behind a tree and fired five shots at the third, who escaped. A pistol, a blackjack, and some burglar tools were found along the route over which the third man fled.

Michael Ward of Paterson, one of the men arrested, hung himself with his necktie in the Clifton jail. He was cut down, not much harmed, but told the police he would yet succeed in killing himself. The other prisoner said he was Alexander Matthews of Paterson.



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