

# CANADA AND U. S. GRAPPLE WITH FOOD MONOPOLIES

## CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL ENDEAVORING TO BRING DOWN THE COST OF LIVING

Dominion Not Only Place Where Corporations and Food Combines Fix Prices—Hon. Mr. Crothers Waging Vigorous Campaign.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Canada to a very large extent is under the heel of corporation influence in regard to the necessities of life. Domestic trade is largely throttled by combines and agreements and there are retail merchants from coast to coast bound hand and foot. The consumer is victimized accordingly and has to pay the price demanded under buying and selling agreements and arrangements. This in effect is what has been discovered as a result of the investigations which have been taking place during the past few weeks under the cost of living regulations. It may be said so far as individuals are concerned, that the retail merchants have come out of the preliminary investigations in a very satisfactory light.

**Crothers After Them.** "Hundreds of written inquiries have been made throughout the country covering many articles, and answers under oath have been received in a great majority of cases, and several further oral investigations have been made."

## NEW YORK TRIBUNE CALLS ON WILSON TO DECLARE WAR

Leading Republican Organ of United States Says If President's Words Mean Anything He is Bound to Ask Congress to Declare War.

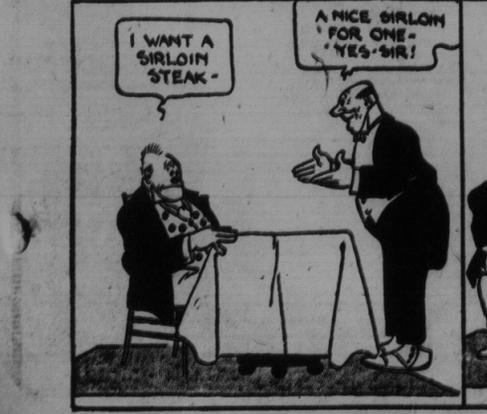
New York, Feb. 28.—Under the caption "Time to Declare War," the Tribune in its leading editorial this morning faces an "overt act" on Germany's part which it can hardly explain away. American citizens travelling on the Laconia have been murdered under exactly the same conditions as those under which American citizens were murdered nearly two years ago on the Lusitania and the Arabic. Mr. Wilson has said many times that he would not tolerate any more such murders. He has pledged himself again and again to "protect our people in their legitimate and peaceful pursuits on the seas."

## NOT KNOWN WHETHER DUTCH BOATS AFLOAT

Latest Information, Officially, Indicates Vessels Probably Lost.

London, Feb. 28.—At the Dutch legation it was said today there was no confirmation of the report published earlier in the week, that the Dutch steamers Bandoeng, Eemland and Zandijk were three of the fleet of seven Dutch merchant ships torpedoed by German submarines Feb. 22 at the western approach to the English Channel. Three of the Dutch steamers, the Gasterland, Jacatra and Noorddenijk, were known definitely to have been sent to the bottom, while a fourth vessel, the Menado, was reported to have been towed into Plymouth. An announcement made in London on Feb. 24 said that the other three vessels, though severely damaged, had remained afloat.

## Bringing Up Father



## LEGISLATION IS PROPOSED FOR HOSPITAL DRASTIC MEASURES TO CONTROL PRICES OF FOOD

Riots in United States Are Inciting Legislators to Take Drastic Measures to Eliminate Abuses and Aid the Poor.

New York, Feb. 28.—The riots against high prices of foods are inciting our legislators to drastic measures for control of prices, etc., but these are rarely efficacious. Abuses, and there are some, may be cured by investigation and action, but the most effectual method in the long run is conservation of food supply. The car shortage situation is responsible for much of the scarcity. The Interstate Commerce Commission claims to have the problem near solution. We look with some scepticism upon what that means. The tie-up at our ports caused by the German sea warfare is halting many thousand cars. The American Railway Association, working with the commerce commission, has instituted arrangements by which food and fuel will be rushed to many cities by special shipment. The association officials declare the danger of inadequate supply of living necessities because of the transportation problems, has lessened greatly within the last two weeks and that the possibility of a general shortage through the East is slight. They claim

## DR. D. TOWNSEND GAVE SCHOLARLY ADDRESS

Superintendent of River Glade Sanatorium Addressed Large Audience at Y.M.C.A. on "Tuberculosis, its Prevention and Cure."

"Tuberculosis, its Prevention and Cure" was the subject of a scholarly address by Dr. David Townsend, superintendent of the provincial sanatorium at River Glade, before a large and appreciative audience at the Y. M. C. A., Cliff street, last evening. Dr. William P. Broderick occupied the chair and introduced the speaker with a few appropriate remarks. Dr. Townsend, with the assistance of slides, pointed out the various types and stages of the white plague. He referred to the work which was being carried on at the provincial sanatorium and the results that had been achieved. He made a strong appeal to his auditors to endeavor to work for the prevention of this disease and pointed out the steps which were followed in its cure. Dr. Townsend referred to the large number of deaths annually from the effects of tuberculosis and said that the co-operation of every citizen was essential in wiping out this disease. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Dr. McDonald and seconded by Dr. Barry, was extended to Dr. Townsend by the chairman. Remarks of a flattering character concerning Dr. Townsend for the good work he is doing in his able address were made by Dr. Ferris, superintendent of the St. John County Hospital, J. A. Likely, E. L. Rising, Dr. McAvenny and others.

## No Dust All Fresh—"SALADA"

Sealed Packets Only - Black or Green. of foodstuffs from this country in the calendar year 1916 were actually smaller in amount than in the preceding year. "The recent rise appears to be due to internal causes, such as the shortage in last season's crop and the congestion of railroad traffic rather than to sales to Europe." This is proved by a large decrease in bulk shipments in 1916, notwithstanding that the money value on account of higher prices was greater. In England, the food question in England has been taken up seriously and a limitation of consumption is being effected, not by compulsion, but through an appeal to patriotism. The National Food Commission has decided not to establish compulsory rationing to a fixed quantity per head, because this involves a very elaborate machinery which in itself absorbs labor, so badly needed, and for that reason alone ought to be avoided unless absolutely necessary. The commission states that having carefully weighed the advantages and disadvantages, they have come to the conclusion that a voluntary system is preferable until further experience is gained, and to meanwhile rely on the nation's instinct of self-discipline.—Bache's Review.

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